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Sardar Calls Halt To Shuttle-Cock Talks

INDIAN MUSLIMS DENOUNCE ITTEHAD VENDETTA

Blockade Suggested To Free Nizam And People

(From Our Correspondent)

NEW DELHI, April 16,

Hyderabad negotiations, it is believed, have reached a critical stage. Mr. Laikali who had a long interview with Sardar Patel had been told in unequivocal and unmistakable terms that Hyderabad must accede to the Indian Union forthwith or hold a plebiscite.

Government is anxious to maintain the status and position of the Nizam. But the Nizam's counsellors and Mr. Razvi on the other hand by their present policy, were out to destroy the Nizam.

The Hyderabad Delegation, I learn, has been told that there was no room for negotiations. The Nizam must either accede to the Indian Union or hold a plebiscite.

India knows how to deal with the situation if the Nizam is unwilling to meet India's demands and panders to the shifty customer namely Mr. Razvi.

BLOCKADE SUGGESTED

ALIGARH, April 16. (U.P.I.): An appeal to the Government of India to declare a complete and effective blockade of Hyderabad with a view to rendering immediate assistance to the Hindu population of the State, whose lives and properties are threatened by the leaders of the Ittehad-ul-Muslimeen, had been made by Prof. Muhammad Habib of Aligarh, President of the Indian History Congress, in a statement issued today.

"The present situation does not perhaps justify a war", he says, "but the Hyderabad Government must be clearly told that as much force as may be necessary will be used to protect our countrymen in that land from the attacks of the Razakars whose fanaticism has converted them into criminal lunatics.

As the Nizam's Government has ceased to function, His Exalted Highness is not personally responsible; but unless he accedes to the Indian Union by a fixed date, the Union must make it clear that the continuation of the dynasty itself will be subject to a reference to the Hyderabad people or their representatives.

We must not allow the West Punjab crimes to be repeated in Hyderabad with an inevitable repercussion in the Union territory. The Ittehad is clamorous and weak-kneed and, like the League organisation in U. P. and Behar, it will not be able to stand a real test and trial. The imposition of a peaceful blockade will enable us to establish a responsible and popular Government in Hyderabad within three months or less."

Concluding Prof. Muhammad Habib adds: "The Union guarantees to minorities must be extended to Hyderabad and, in consonance with Mahatma Gandhi's principles, there must be no retribution.

The classical achievements of the States Ministry under the direction of Sardar Patel in liquidating all princely atrocities which had been bolstered up by British rulers from Lord Clive to Lord Linlithgow, has won it an undying reputation in the annals

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UNO PLACATES PAKISTAN

Sequel To Idle Threats To Walk Out Of Br. Empire

(From Our Correspondent)

NEW DELHI, April 16.

India shall never accept the revised draft of the U. N. O. resolution on Kashmir, I learn from knowledgeable sources here. India had submitted her case to U. N. O. in relation to definite issues which are well known. If Zafrullah's silvery oratory and threat to walk out of the Empire can influence the British Delegation and others, India can play the game more effectively. The Pakistan Delegation is playing idle threats. Pakistan cannot afford to walk out of the Empire, India can. Pakistan depends for almost everything on foreign aid. In fact, the creation of Pakistan itself was due to British partiality to Jinnah, it is claimed here. Zafrullah has been British yeoman till yesterday and his threat to walk out of the Empire is regarded as stage-managed. The revised formula has of U. N. O. seeks to set up mula of U. N. O. seeks to set up bi-partisans Government in Kashmir. India has already bitter memories of such an experiment after the Muslim League entered government. Secondly, the U. N. O. resolution would permit Pakistan troops to be stationed in Kashmir. Thirdly, U. N. O. Arbitration Commission shall have power to appoint police and executive in Kashmir. The Delhi view is that instead of condemning Pakistan for assisting the raiders, U. N. O. is out to placate Pakistan for aggression against her sister Dominion. As already reported, the Indian Delegation is returning to India shortly.

INDIA WILL REJECT NEW U. N. O. FORMULA ON KASHMIR

NEW DELHI, April 16. (A.P.I.): The new draft resolution on Kashmir which will be formally presented to the Security Council tomorrow will not be acceptable to India and its rejection by her is taken for granted, according to informed circles here.

It is now clear according to the informed quarters that the draft resolution to be placed before the Security Council tomorrow puts India, the complainant, which approached the U. N. O. "on high moral grounds" as the Prime Minister stated, on the same footing as Pakistan who rendered active assistance to the marauders in Kashmir. This approach, it is pointed out, will not be acceptable to India and there is not the slightest chance of the Security Council's new formula being accepted by India.

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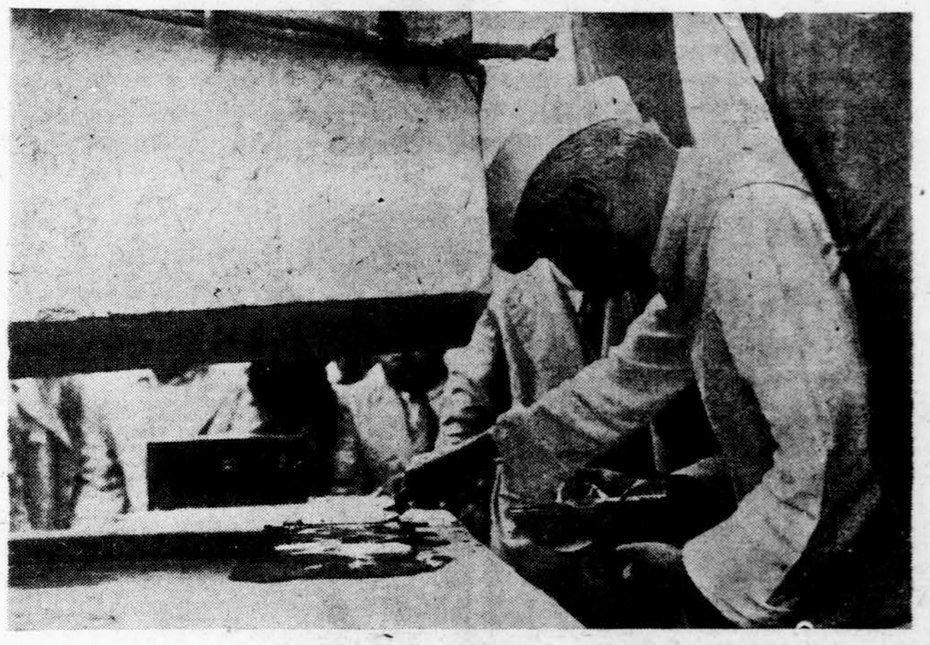

Pandit Nehru, Prime Minister of India, laying the foundation stone of Orissa's new Capital at Bhuvaneshwar.

No Immediate Severance With Britain

Amendment To Constitution

Ambedkar Explains Why "State" Should Replace "Republic"

NEW DELHI, April 16. (A.P.I.): Dr. Ambedkar, Chairman of the Drafting Committee of the Indian Constitution, in a statement to-night said that the object of his amendment to the Preamble of the Draft Constitution which he had tabled and by which he sought to substitute the words "Sovereign Independent State" "for the words" Sovereign Independent Republic" was to see that nothing in the Constitution brings about an automatic and instantaneous severance between India and the British Commonwealth of Nations".

It was to avoid this, he added, that he had proposed by his amendment to replace the word "Republic" by the word "State" which was a neutral term.

TWO PROPOSITIONS.

Dr. Ambedkar said:

Most people are by now aware of the amendment to the Preamble of the Draft Constitution which I have tabled and by which I seek to substitute the words "Sovereign Independent State" for the words "Sovereign Independent Republic". In this connection a news agency (not A.P.I.) has put out a story which has created a situation that required to be cleared up.

It has put forth two propositions:—(1) That my amendment is unnecessary, and (2) that a very large body of Congressmen are opposed to my amendment.

With the second proposition, I am not at present concerned. I will deal with it when the time for it arrives. It is this first proposition which I wish to deal with at the moment.

OBJECT OF AMENDMENT.

The object of my amendment is to see that nothing in the Constitution brings about an automatic and instantaneous severance between India and the British Commonwealth of Nations. I think the use of the word "Republic" has or may have such an effect. It is to avoid this that I have proposed by my amendment to replace the word "Republic" by the word "State" which is a neutral term. The news agency has tried to bring my amendment into ridicule by saying that it is unnecessary and that the use of the term "Republic" need not have the effect. I fear it might have because, not withstanding the fact that word "Republic" occurs in the Constitution of Ireland and South Africa they continue to be members of the British Commonwealth.

I am surprised at the audacity of this assertion by the news agency that the word "Republic" occurs in the Constitution of Ireland and South Africa. Whether it has done it on its own authority or on the authority of a constitutional lawyer.

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Expansion Of Ship-Building

Industries Secretary Meets Scindia Manager: Bombay Talks

BOMBAY, April 16. (A.P.I.): It is understood that the Government of India are considering the proposals submitted by Indian ship-building interests for expansion of ship-building and for the setting up of plants for the manufacture of boilers and engines for ships.

Informal talks relating to these subjects were held by Mr. Venkataraman Secretary, Ministry of Industry and Supply, Government of India, when he was here yesterday Mr Venkataraman met Mr. M. A. Master, General Manager of Scindia Steam Navigation Company, in this connection.

It is understood that Mr. Venkataraman will place the result of his talks with shipping and automobile interests in Bombay before the Industry and Supply Minister, Dr. Shyamaprasad Mukherjee, and the Commerce Minister, Mr. N. V. Gadgil, when they reach Delhi.

In this connection, Mr. Master also met Mr. Gadgil who is now in Bombay and had informal talks with him.

British Communists Lodge Protest

LONDON, April 16. (U.P.A.): The British Communist Party Executive called on Indian High Commissioner Krishna Menon to-day and lodged a protest against the "mass arrest of the Indian working class leaders," including S. A. Dange and S. S. Mirajkar, demanding their release and the restoration of civil liberties.

NINE PERSONS ARRESTED IN KOLHAPUR

KOLHAPUR, April 15 (A.P.I.): The Administrator of Kolhapur accompanied by the Inspector-General of Police visited Hupari, where nine persons were arrested in connection with arson and looting.

The police have detained 14 persons in Ajra yesterday.

DEATH SENTENCE ABOLISHED IN BRITAIN

LONDON, April 16. (Reuter): The death sentence in Britain is now commuted to penal servitude for life.

Mr. James Chuter Ede, Home Secretary, announced this today when a Bill suspending the death penalty for murder for five years and including other reforms passed through the House of Commons. It was sent immediately to the House of Lords, where it received a formal first reading at once.

When it becomes law the sentence will be simple imprisonment for life.

Penal servitude is more severe than ordinary imprisonment.

Lord Winterton, a Conservative anti-abolitionist, today described the new clause abolishing the death penalty—inserted in the Bill by a free vote of the Commons on Wednesday—as the "Gangster's charter".

The Bill was, therefore, given a third and final reading without a division.

JINNAH AT DERA ISMAIL KHAN

PESHAWAR, April 16. (A. P. I.): Qaid-i-Azam Jinnah, Governor-General of Pakistan arrived at Dera Ismail Khan this morning from Peshawar.

No 'Ex-Parte' Assessments

India And Pakistan Agree To Extend Present Arrangements

NEW DELHI, April 16, (API): In December last, says a Ministry of Finance press note, it had been announced in the press that the Governments of India and Pakistan had come to an agreement that no ex-parte assessments would be made against absentee assessees from West Punjab, East Punjab and Delhi and that property belonging to them in either Dominion would not be auctioned in pursuance of the demand of the income-tax Department up to the end of the financial year 1947-48.

It was further agreed between the two dominions that during the same period the appellate assistant commissioners would not pass ex-parte orders on appeals and that no penalty would be imposed in respect of non-payment of demands on such assessees.

The two Governments have now agreed to extend these arrangements by another three months up to June 30, 1948. The imposition of penalty for non-payment of demand will, however, be waived till Dec. 31 1948.

AHMEDABAD TEACHERS' STRIKE CALLED OFF

AHMEDABAD, April 16. (A.P.I.): The Executive Committee of the Municipal Teachers' Association resolved today to call off the teachers strike from Monday, April 19.

STOP PRESS

ENQUIRY COMMISSION IN KOLHAPUR RIOTS APPOINTED

Enquiry Commission to go into the cases of disturbances in the State and also the allegation made against the former Ministry will have only one member and Mr. Bomanji Wadia, retired Judge, Bombay High Court has been appointed to the post, it is authoritatively learnt tonight.

The police have so far arrested about 700 persons in connection with arson and looting.

5,000 TROOPS OF ARABS "ARMY OF LIBERATION" CROSS INTO PALESTINE

JERUSALEM, April 16. (U.P.A.): An Arab military spokesman said 5,000 trained troops of the Arab "Army of Liberation" crossed the Jordan River from Transjordan and entered Palestine equipped with "heavy artillery".

GENERAL MOTORS TO CLOSE PLANTS

DETROIT, April 16. (U. P. A.): The General Motors Corporation announced today that it will close all its automobile fabricating plants idling 200,000 workers by April 23 because of the effects of the coal strike.

Malabar Police Fire On "Red" Raiders

2 KILLED AND 6 INJURED: SCUFFLE IN VILLAGE

Big Arms Find In Delhi Railway Station

CALICUT, April 16, (A.P.I.): Two persons were killed and six others were wounded when the Malabar Special Police opened fire yesterday on a party of Communists, who are alleged to have raided the house of the village Munsiff at Killincheri, a village in North Malabar.

ONE KILLED IN CLASH WITH POLICE

Communists took out a procession through the streets of Calicut this morning carrying red flags shouting anti-Government slogans in defiance of the order under Sec. 144 Cr. P. C. issued by the District Magistrate of Malabar.

According to a report from Krivallur, two Communists were injured in a scuffle between a party of Communists and a detachment of Malabar Special Police, one of whom died later. The incident took place on April 12.

POLICE OPEN FIRE IN TANJORE VILLAGE

MADRAS, April 16. (A.P.I.): One person was killed and three injured, when police opened fire yesterday on an unruly mob threatening to attack the police party in a village near Mannargudi, says a Tanjore message.

The police party had gone to the village to investigate into the alleged assault on a party of Congressmen who were waylaid near the village on Monday last.

STORY OF HOLD-UP AND ASSAULT

MADRAS, April 16. (A.P.I.): Mr. A. Vedaratnam Pillai, M.L.A., who was one of the victims of the alleged attack on Monday last on a party of Congressmen who were waylaid in a village near Mannargudi, arrived in Madras today.

Bearing marks of violence all over his body, Mr. Pillai told pressmen here that on Monday night when he was returning in a car with some of his co-workers after addressing a meeting in a nearby village, the car was surrounded by a party of 'kisans' who attacked them with sticks, rendering two of them unconscious. The car was badly damaged and pushed to a closeby ditch. Some villagers however, arrived on the scene when the miscreats disappeared. The injured people who included the President of the Tanjore District Congress Committee and a constable accompanying the party, were later removed to the hospital in Mannargudi for treatment.

According to Mr. Pillai it was not the motive of plunder that was behind the assault, but agrarian unrest caused by communist activities.

HAND-GRENADES FOUND UNDER BUSH

NEW DELHI, April 16. (A.P.I.): Twenty-five live bombs (Mill's type hand-grenades) and about 400 rifle cartridges of .303 and 12 bores were recovered by the Delhi police near the Nizam-ul-Udin railway station (three miles from New Delhi) underneath a bush.

Police suspect that these explosives were thrown there by some organisations, which indulged in communal frenzy immediately after partition of the country.

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that an EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of the Shareholders of the Bank will be held at the Registered Office of the Bank at Oriental Buildings, Mahatma Gandhi Road, Bombay, at 4 p.m. (Standard Time) on THURSDAY, the 6th day of May, 1948, when the Resolutions in regard to an increase of Capital by the creation of 1,00,000 New Shares of Rs. 100/- each (upon which on application and before allotment Rs. 50/- plus a premium of Rs. 50/- is to be paid) and in regard to the terms and conditions of issue, which Resolutions are set forth in the Notices to the Shareholders of the Bank, will be considered as Ordinary Resolutions.

The consent of the Central Government has been obtained to this issue by an order of which a complete copy is open to public inspection at the Head Office of the Company. It must be distinctly understood that in giving this consent the Government of India do not take any responsibility for the financial soundness of any schemes or for the correctness of any of the statements made or opinions expressed with regard to them.

Dated at Bombay this 17th day of April, 1948.

A. C. CLARKE,
General Manager,
The Bank of India Limited.

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PUBLIC NOTICES

B. B. & C. I. RAILWAY
TENDER NOTICE

THE UNDERSIGNED invites tenders for sale of approximately 4200 B.Mds. Maize, lying in the Railway Grainshops Central Godowns at Abu Road. The export of this stock would be allowed only to the unrationed areas of Bombay Province, under permits to be issued by the Director of Civil Supplies for Rajputana, Mount Abu.

Quotations should be for a gross Bengali maund, ex Railway Grainshop Godowns at Abu Road.

Sealed tenders should reach this office by 5 P.M. on 5-5-48.

The tenderer is required to deposit Rs. 2,500/- as earnest money with the Treasurer, Broad Gauge/Meter Gauge, B.B. & C.I. Railway or at any station of B.B. & C.I. Railway and obtain the necessary receipt which should be sent along with the tender. This money of the successful tenderer will be retained as security deposit and that of others will be returned.

The successful tenderer will have to remove the maize within 15 days of the issue of export permit by the Director of Civil Supplies, Mount Abu.

Maize is available for inspection at the Railway Grainshop at Abu Road.

The Railway Administration reserves the right to accept or reject any quotation or increase or reduce the tender quantity without assigning any reason.

S. J. CREWE
President,
Grainshop Committee,
B.B. & C.I. Railway,
Abu Road.

Date: 13-4-48.

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GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
DIRECTORATE GENERAL OF INDUSTRIES AND SUPPLIES
Office of the Director of Supplies (P.B.) Bombay.
TENDER NOTICE

DIRECTOR OF SUPPLIES, BOMBAY, invites tender No. BOM|H|1|1691 to reach him on or before 11 A.M. on 6|5|48 on forms (not transferable) obtainable from his office at Rs. 2|- (not refundable) per set to be in cash or by money order or Indian Postal Order (quoting tender number, full name and address of the remitter) for:-

Description	Quantity.
Basket wire for Screening ballast to G.I.P. drg. No. MPW 638	1400 Nos.

Applicants not already on approved list of this Department or the late Department of Supply, must give their bankers' reference on application for tender forms. Tender forms will not be issued to firms already black-listed.

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NOTICE
THE SAHYADRI INSURANCE CO. LTD., NASIK.

POLICY HOLDERS of the above Company are notified that the following five persons have been elected uncontested as Policy-holders' Directors.

1. Seth Shamji Karamsi Nagda, Ghatkopar.
2. Prof. K. V. Gajendragadkar, M.A., Nasik.
3. Purushottam Bhikaji Joglekar, Esqr., Hedvi, Dt. Ratnagiri.
4. Ramchandra Bhikaji Patil Esqr., Lasalgaon, Dt. Nasik.
5. Trimbak Gopal Pradhan, Esqr., B.A. LL.B. Nasik.

The Meeting called on 12-6-48, at 5 p.m. in accordance with the notice, dated 1st March, 1948, is therefore CANCELLED as far as election of the Policy-Holders' Directors is concerned but will be held at the Company's Head Office on the above date and time for recommending Auditors.

G. G. SOUNDANKAR,
Managing Director.

Nasik, the 14th April, 1948.

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LEGAL NOTICES

NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Mr. AHMED OOMAR, of Bombay Muslim Inhabitant has agreed to sell to our client, the undermentioned property free from encumbrances.

All persons having any claim against or to the said property by way of inheritance, mortgage, sale, gift, lease, lien, charge, trust, maintenance, easement or otherwise howsoever are hereby required to make the same known in writing to the undersigned at their Office at Albert Building, Hornby Road, Fort, Bombay, within 7 days from the date hereof, otherwise the sale will be completed thereof without reference to such claim and the same (if any) will be considered as waived.

THE DESCRIPTION OF THE PROPERTY

ALL THAT piece or parcel of land or ground with the messuage, tenement or dwelling house standing thereon situate, lying and being at Ghodbunder Road, Plots Nos. 87-88 in Suburban Scheme No. VII, Khar, Bombay Suburban District, in the Registration Sub-District of Bandra containing by admeasurements 807 square yards or thereabouts bearing House Nos. 87-88 and bounded as follows:—i.e. to say: on or towards the North by Plot No. 86, on or towards the South by Second Road, on or towards the East by Plots Nos. 66 and 67 and on or towards the West by Ghodbunder Road.

Dated this 17th day of April, 1948.

BHAISHANKER, KANGA and GIRDHARLAL,
Purchaser's Attorneys.

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LEGAL NOTICES

IMPORT, TRADE CONTROL
PUBLIC NOTICE
No. 843.

THE FOLLOWING Public Notice of the Chief Controller of Imports New Delhi, is republished:—

T. ARUMUKHA MUDALIAR.
Dy. Chief Controller of Imports.
New Custom House,
Bombay, the 16th April, 1948.

PUBLIC NOTICE
No. 10 (Pol) (s)/48 date 7-4-48

VERTICAL BOILERS of all types upto 12 N. H. P. and Dry Shell type Boilers at present covered respectively by Serial Nos. 31A and 31B of Part II of the Import Trade Control Notification No. 23-ITC/43, dated the 1st July, 1943, will no longer be licensed under these items, but in accordance with the requirements of the industries specified against Serial Nos. 36 (1) of Part II, 4(1) of Part III and 65 (1) of Part V of the Notification. In future, therefore, applications for licences should be made to the licensing authorities concerned viz. the Deputy Chief Controller of Imports, Calcutta, the Deputy Chief Controller of Imports, Bombay and the Chief Controller of Imports, as the case may be. But where the f.o.b. value of the boiler is Rs. 25,000/- or more the application should be made in duplicate to the Chief Controller of Imports, New Delhi, to be licensed in accordance with the Capital Goods. Licensing procedure.

(Sd.) G. R. KAMAT.
Chief Controller of Imports.

PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION, UNITED PROVINCES.

APPLICATIONS are invited from nationals of Indian Dominion, subjects of States within the Indian Dominion and Registered Refugees from Pakistan for appointment to the undermentioned posts required in connection with the P.W.D., Buildings and Roads Branch Electrical and Mechanical and Transport post-war scheme. As between two or more candidates of Indian domicile, other things being equal, preference will be given to residents of U.P.:—EXECUTIVE ENGINEER: 1 POST in the scale of Rs. 500-50-1,200 QUALIFICATIONS AND EXPERIENCE: A candidate for appointment must be a qualified Mechanical Engineer having a degree and must have at least 10 years' experience of actual working of diesel engines. He will be in-charge of all transport vehicles, road rollers, cement mixtures and road making machineries such as Buldozers; etc. AGE: Between 30 and 40 years on January 1, 1948. ASSISTANT ENGINEER: 1 POST in the scale of Rs. 250-25-400-E.B.-30-700-(E.B.)-50-850 with a starting salary of Rs. 300/-p.m. QUALIFICATIONS AND EXPERIENCE: A degree in civil Engineering with experience in Sanitary and Water Supply Installations of Buildings for at least five years. AGE: Between 25 and 40 years on January 1, 1948. SUPERINTENDENTS: 21 POSTS in the scale of Rs. 120-6-210-10-250. QUALIFICATIONS AND EXPERIENCE Candidates must have a diploma in Mechanical Engineering or an experience of at least 5 years in either maintenance of automobiles, diesel engines or road making machinery. Candidates with special knowledge of road making machinery and diesel engines will be preferred for at least 6 posts. AGE: Between 25 and 40 years on January 1, 1948. The upper age limits in the case of Scheduled Caste candidate in all cases will be greater by 3 years. Requisitions for forms etc. will be entertained and supplies up to May 10, 1948 and applications on the prescribed form received up to May 20, 1948.

Dated Allahabad, April 8, 1948.

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AUCTION SALES

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Auction Sale of very valuable property (Hararvala Building No. 3) at Lohar Chawl, Princess Street.

Under instructions from the Joint Receivers appointed in Suit No. 750 of 1947. (Mahomedbhoy Mulla Buxabhoy Shaikh Abdul Rahim vs. Mulla Mahomedali Shaikh Sarafali and others) and pursuant to the Directions contained in the Consent Decree dated 24th September, 1947, M/s. Bennett & Co. will on Monday, 19th inst. at 4 p.m. (S.T.) sell by Public Auction on the premises:—

Lot No. 2:—All that piece of land with building situate on Improvement Trust Plot No. 92, at Princess Street admeasuring about 561 sq. yards, bearing C Ward No 980 etc., Street Nos. 125 to 151 and bounded on the East by Plot No. 91, on the South by Lohar Chawl street, on the West by Plot No. 84 and on the North by Improvement Trust land laid out as a service passage.

For further particulars and Conditions of sale apply to M/s. Vakil Dadabhoy & Bharucha, Attorneys for the Joint Receivers or to the undersigned.

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BONAFIDE SALE
AUCTION SALE TOMORROW (SUNDAY) at 10-30 a.m. property of M. Frazer, Esqr. and others at Chawpatty sea face near Vianellis Restaurant of complete house hold and office furniture, Godrej and Eng. Milners safe, mirror door steel almirah, typewriter, Singer hand and foot machine, Eng. large ice box, G.E.C. (oscillated) fans, dining, roll top, writing and table, chairs, show case, Chesterfield, almirah, bed, cabinet gramophone, etc. (S. Tax) T. 40213.

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Messrs. GANDHI & Co., Auctioneers, will under instructions, from the Official Assignee of Bombay and the Assignee of the Estate and Effects of the Insolvent Abdul Sattar Begmohamed (Insolvency No 87 of 1946) pursuant to the order by the High Court of Bombay in its Insolvency Jurisdiction of 1-3-48 and with the consent of Messrs. Mahomed Husseinbhoy Ahmedbhoy and Aziz Husseinbhoy Ahmedbhoy the first Mortgagees, Habibbhoy Dharamsey 2nd Mortgagees, Narayanlal Velji Lawji the Sub-mortgagee from the said 2nd Mortgagee, Suryakant Girdharlal Seth the 3rd Mortgagee and M|s. Haji Usman Mahomed Moosa and Haji Rahimtulla Mahomed Moosa 4th Mortgagees and subject to the confirmation of the Official Assignee, sell by Public Auction on MONDAY, the 26th DAY OF APRIL 1948 at 4 P.M. (S.T.), the undermentioned Property on premises:—

The sale will be confirmed by the Official Assignee of Bombay, on Thursday, the 6th day of May, 1948, at 1 P.M. (S.T.), at his Office in High Court, Bombay.

All that piece of land being a portion of Plot No. 42 with dwelling houses and structures known as "Taj Building" at Gokhale Road South admeasurement about 667.41 sq. yds., bearing C. S. No. 1581 of Lower Parel Division.

For particulars apply to the Official Assignee of Bombay or to M|s. Amarchand and Mangaldas, Attorneys for the Vendor, at Lentin Chambers, Dalal Street, Fort, or to the undersigned.

AUCTION SALE OF VALUABLE IMMOVABLE PROPERTY AT ANANDJI LANE, GHATKOPAR, (G.I.P.).

M|s. GANDHI & Co., will under instructions from Messrs. Pathare & Liladhar, Attorneys for Bai Vrajkuvarbai Dwarkadas, Transferee of Mortgage and on account & at the risk of Bai Motivahu, the widow of Chatrubhuj Parmanand and Jamnadas Hansraj Alias Jamnadas Chatrubhuj the Mortgagors, pursuant to the power of sale reserved to the Transferee under Transfer of Mortgage of 21-8-39 made between the Mortgagee of 1st Part, Mortgagor of 2nd part and Transferee of 3rd part, sell by Public Auction on Thursday the 22nd day of April, 1948, at 4 P.M. (S.T.) the undermentioned property on the premises.

All that piece of land at Ghatkopar (the village of Kirol) with tenements admeasuring about 1,560 Sq. yards being a portion of land bearing S. No. 77 Pot No. 1, under House No. 91 of Ward D.

For particulars apply to M|s. Pathare & Liladhar, Solicitors, or to the undersigned

AUCTION SALE of Deteriorated Stores, including C. I. sheets, plain Sheets, M.S. Plates, Cables, Barbed Wire, etc., Old and good furniture including Tables, Almyrahs, Chairs, Teapoys, Carpets, Sofa Sets, Cane Sofas, Ice Boxes, Billiard Tables, Curtain Cloth, Dining Tables, Meat Safes, Mirzapur Carpets, etc., on TUESDAY & WEDNESDAY, 20th and 21st inst., at 10-30 A.M. (S.T.) each day resply. at M.E.S. Yard, near Office of Garrison Engineer, Kalyan (G.I.P.Ry.).

Terms: 25 p.c. cash deposit.

AUCTION SALE of 1300 gross Stokes Silverfinish Galvd. Roofing Bolts ¼" x 1" and 250 gross Nuts ¼" x 2" U.K. make on Monday, 19th inst. at 1 P.M. (S.T.) at 97, Narayan Dhru Street, Barbhai Maholla, under instructions from M|s. Sidhuram Ganeshdas and on a|c and at risk of M|s. General Hardware Trading Co., (of Bibijan Street, Bombay) defaulting purchasers.

Terms: 25 p.c. cash deposit.

AUCTION SALE of Cloth Samples including Dhoties, Sarees, Shirting pieces, Shipment samples, Cotton Cellular and mineral Khaki shirting, Dosutie, Bleached Calico, Lint cotton, Pillow and Mattress Cases, Jerseys, Hand Gloves, Payjamas, Grey mulls Mosquitto Nettings, Canvas, Cotton blankets, Flanette, Hose-tops Khaki, etc., on MONDAY, 19th Inst., at 2-30 P.M. (S.T.) at basement of Hararwalla Buildings, Ballard Estate.

Terms: Full cash and immediate delivery.

AUCTION SALE of all Machinery of "Kalyan Mechanical Works" including one 8ft. 2 1|8" Hollow Spindle Lathe with Change Wheels and Counter Shaft, 1 Shimoga Type Mysore Kirloskar with Change Wheels and Counter Shaft, Grounding, Drilling and Hack Saw Machines, one 5 B.H.P. Motor Greaves Cotton, Ball bearing, Line Shaft, Pullies, Tools, Drills, and other Misc. articles on Thursday, 22nd inst., at 2-30 P.M. (S.T.) at Kalyan Mechanical Works at Trambak Pursaram Street, Colpitha, under instructions from the Court Receiver, High Court, the Receiver appointed in Suit No 1473 of 1946 (Ramjanally Purshottamdas Jamal, Plaintiff vs. Pittamber Gopal Dama and the Official Assignee of Bombay & the Assignee of the Estate of the 1st defendant-Defendants).

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185 ARABS DETAINED

Legion Said To Be Bound For Hyderabad

BOMBAY, Friday.

Thirty-five more Arabs who arrived in Bombay by country craft were taken into detention by the Foreign Branch of the Bombay C.I.D., this morning, in addition to the 150 detained yesterday.

The destination for which the Arabs were bound is said to be Hyderabad.

For sometime past, it is said, several bands of Arabs have been pouring into Bombay by almost every Arabian prow that touches the port.

Most of the Arabs it is said, go to Hyderabad, as in the Nizam's Dominion, every Arab male settler is reported to be allowed the use of a rifle and sword along with a monthly stipend of Rs. 15.

In return for the favour shown by His Exalted Highness, the Arab settler is expected, it is said, to aid and assist the Nizam's State Forces in any emergency that may arise.

Two reasons are given for this slow, but sure and steady Arab infiltration into the hinterland of the southern peninsula.

It is stated that Fuehrer Razvi of the Razakars had sent an S.O.S. to the Chiefs of some Arab tribes to send him sufficient reinforcements.

The other reason is said to be that the Arab-Jewish tension in the Middle-East, has made many an Arab flee his native land, seeking domicile in some safe place. Hyderabad it is said is welcoming them with open arms, granting them every facility, ranging from the free use of arms bestowal of lands and a regular monthly stipend.

The authorities on this side have now realised the implications of the arrival of the Arabs.

The Hon'ble Morarji Desai Home Minister, Bombay, spoke at the Journalists' Club last week.

ARMS FIND IN CARDBOARD BOX

BOMBAY, Friday.

Four men who are said to be members of an underground concern dealing in arms and ammunition, fell into the clutches of Nagpada Police, when a cardboard box was found to contain a automatic pistol of U.S.A. make yesterday.

The argus-eyes Police, it is learnt, had got wind of this illicit traffic in arms, since a fortnight, and was keeping a close watch.

Samuel Maid, Addison Sumant, M. H. Kazrani and N. Kannan Nair, the four members of the gang were going towards Play House junction, at Grant Road, when Krishna Dhondiram and Bismillah, two constables, becoming suspicious of the 'packet" went to them and arrested them.

Enquiries have revealed that it was Addison who secured the pistol and wanted to dispose it off through the three others.

All of them were remanded into Police custody, at Mazgaon today.

INDIA'S REGENERATION LIES IN HER RELIGION

Dr. Radhakrishnan's Speech In Calcutta

CALCUTTA April 15 (API) Political, cultural and social freedom to India would lose all its significance, charm and vivacity if in the cross-currents of diverse ideologies India neglected the basic factor of her old tradition of regeneration, said Dr. Sarvapalli Radhakrishnan presiding over a public meeting held here yesterday in celebration of the birthday anniversary of Sri Ramkrishna and Swami Vivekananda.

Dr. Radhakrishnan said that so far as India was concerned, from time immemorial the spirit of the country had been the spirit of religion which had remodelled and reshaped the culture of the country with its intrinsic quality and contributed liberally to the development of the cultural forces of the world. Seers like Sri Ramakrishna and Swami Vivekananda in their pursuit of truth and higher principles of life realised the potent forces of India's own religion hallowed and sanctified by the sages of their history The basis of India's religion had been absolute toleration and the synthesis of all the religions of the world were they going today to be so narrow-minded and to be so detracted from the essence of Indian religion as to completely forget that a great synthetical forces had revitalised Indian religion, Dr. Radhakrishnan asked.

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Elpido Quirino To Succeed Roxas

MANILA, April 15 (UPA): President Manuel Roxas died today at approximately 10 p.m. of a celebral haemorrhage.

Reuter Adds:

President Roxas is succeeded by Elpidio Quirino 52-year-old Vice-President and Foreign Minister.

Quirino is at present touring the southern islands in the yacht 'Anemone'.

President Manuel Roxas of the Philippines, unofficially reported to be suffering from a heart attack, was resting today at the home of Major-General Eugene Eubank, Commanding Officer of the Thirteenth United States Air Force, at Malacanan Palace, it was announced here.

The announcement added that the President "felt fatigued due to the rigours of his inspection" at Clark Field American air base north of Manila today.

Born in 1892 and educated at Saint Joseph's college, Hong Kong, and the Univerity of the Philippines, Roxas was elected to the house of representatives in 1922. He was speaker until 1934, when he became a member of the constitutional convention.

Elected President in April 1946 to succeed Sergio Osmena, wartime President of the Commonwealth, Roxas was inaugurated as first President of the new republic when it was proclaimed by President Truman on July 4, 1946.

Roxas was Brigadier General in the Philippine army in the second world war and took part in underground work during the Japanese occupation. He was one of the prisoners freed by the Americans when they reached the outskirts of Baguio in Northern Luzon in April, 1945.

(U.P.A.): Roxas, who was 56, was the first president of the Philippines Republic.

He died with Dr. Florentince Herrera, his family physician, in attendance. The president's wife and mother also, were at his bedside.

The news of his death was withheld until three hours after his death. It had been reported that he was recovering satisfactorily and had been moved to Santo Tomas Hospital at Manila. This report merely said that he was suffering from high blood pressure.

Roxa's body is being taken to Manila where a state funeral will be held. The details are not arranged.

U. S. TRIBUTES TO ROXAS

WASHINGTON, April 16 (UPA): President Truman led United States officials and the public in an expression of grief over the death of Philippines President Manuel Roxas.

Senator Millard E. Tydings asked the Senate to pay its respects to Roxas when it recessed to-night.

Magidoff Received Orders From U.S.

Secretary Discloses Interesting Facts

MOSCOW, April 15 (Reuter): Cecilia Nelson, the American Secretary of Magidoff in her letter accusing Magidoff of espionage said she was convinced he was progressive in outlook and objective towards the Soviet Union until a few days ago she accidentally found papers which had not passed through her hands but had reached him through the United States Embassy.

In her letter she accused him of the closest contact with military and naval attaches at the Embassy and of having used the diplomatic bag to transmit information.

"From these documents it is evident that Magidoff systematically received from the United States assignments in regard to collecting spy information in the Soviet Union, she wrote.

One contained. 'The direct assignment to collect details of information on underground construction and included such questions as "where are the constructions situated? Can defence against poison gases be secured? Can they be defended against radio-active particles?"

The national broadcasting company said tonight: "The company has full confidence in Magidoff's integrity as a working newsman and needless to say has never requested him to send any information in violation of censorship or which might be considered of a military nature."

The McGraw-Hill Company in a statement in New York tonight asserted the charges against Magidoff were "entirely without foundation."

NO COMMENT

WASHINGTON, April 15 (Reuter): The State Department declined to comment on Magidoff's case before receiving official despatches from Moscow. Only immediate reaction was a denial that diplomatic bag facilities were extended to correspondents.

Unprecedented Rush For Air Passages To U. K.

With hardly any passenger steamers likely to touch Bombay port on its way to the United Kingdom for at least three weeks from now, an unprecedented rush for air passages is evident. There is an increase in bookings between one hundred and one hundred and fifty per cent at Bombay alone.

Notwithstanding the normal increase of air travel during the summer months, the forthcoming World Olympic games and the British industries fair has proved an added attraction for people leaving this country.

Since booking by passenger steamer has turned out to be an unexpected bottleneck in the process of travel to U.K., the Airways authorities in Bombay book as many as thirty to thirty-five passages in place of the normal ten or twelve during winter months.

COLOSSAL INCREASE IN TICKETLESS TRAVEL

Heavy Loss To Indian Railways

BOMBAY, Friday.

The staggering magnitude of ticketless travel by rail which has swollen enormously with the recent increase in railway fares, threatens to seriously undermine the revenues of the railways if left unchecked. Within the short space of three months after the increase in railway fares, nearly two and a half lakhs of persons were detected travelling without tickets on the G.I.P. line alone. While exact figures are not available, it is stated that the tendency towards ticketless travel has increased by at least 13 per cent compared with the quarter ending December 1947. The G.I.P. Railway authorities realised only about seven lakhs of rupees by way of fares collected from defaulters through the present checking staff in operation. A substantial increase in preventive staff is engaging the serious attention of the G.I.P. railway authorities in Bombay. A spokesman of the railways said that at least 95 new hands will be employed for this purpose within the next few weeks.

Despite a progressively steeper increase in railway fares for higher classes of accommodation in place of the old "telescopic rates", which decrease with the length of the journey, the volume of traffic is not in the least affected. It is still very difficult to reserve berths on railways, as reservation is even now done day in advance. Notwithstanding all precautionary limitations to ensure a fair and equitable accommodation for all persons, cases of "blackmarketing" in upper class reservations have not completely stopped.

The watch and ward police of the railways have special instructions to apprehend all such charcters, whose "modus operandi" is perplexing both genuine passengers by train and the checking staff on duty.

Three months after the increase in railway fares, passenger traffic by G.I.P. line alone has increased in volume by at least 18 per cent, which is estimated at about 70 lakhs, compared with the quarter ending December last year, constituting an increase in the revenues of the G.I.P railway by only about 75 lakhs of rupees.

The increase given above, on the face of it looks deceptive. Ordinarily there should have been a greater increase in the receipts. But as it is, it is only Rs. 75 lakhs for an additional 70 lakhs of passengers, there is room to doubt that passengers avail themselves of short distance tickets for purposes of longer journeys.

Since ticketless travel threatens to assume serious proportions in view of the increase in railway fares, the G. I. P. Railway authorities are extra keen on bringing all the resources at their command to put the evil down with an iron hand.

Charges False

WASHINGTON, April 15 (Reuter)—The American Ambassador to Moscow, Mr. Alter Bedell Smith, told American Correspondents in Moscow today that he had been assured by Mr. Robert Magidoff, Moscow Correspondent for the National Broadcasting Company, that the charges against him of espionage were false.

In telegram to the State Department Mr. Bedell Smith said he had told Correspondents that during more than two years he had been in Moscow no correspondent had ever sent news stories through the diplomatic power nor would that be permitted Neither Mr. Magiloff nor any other correspondent had ever received documents on instructions through the American Embassy.

Federal Union Of India, Pakistan, Burma And Ceylon Proposed

WASHINGTON, April 14 (U.P.A.): A "Federal Union of South Asia" composed of India, Pakistan, Burma and Ceylon was proposed today in an article printed in the latest issue of the magazine, "Freedom and Union" which is the organ of the Clarence Streith organization urging a world federation.

The article was written under the name of "Fusa" which Streith said was the nom de plume of a native of one of the four South Asian countries mentioned, who "has long impressed me as one of the most creative thinkers on the problems of federalization that I have met anywhere."

The article said the four South Asian nations which recently won freedom from Britain should emulate the example of the original 13 American colonies who knit themselves into the nucleus of a powerful federation shortly after breaking their ties with the mother country.

The article said "On the southern seabord of Asia, history is presenting a fascinating parallel to the situation and opportunity it presented in the 18th Century on the eastern seaboard of North America."

Pointing out that the 13 original colonies began to fight among themselves as "soon as they no longer had a common fight against British imperialism to unite them."

Fusa said this is what is happening in South Asia particularly between India and Pakistan, and steps for federalization should be taken before it is too late. He said the four South Asian countries "can profit from the American example by turning to their advantage, as the Americans did, the bonds of common sovereignty, before it is too late and before these ties have crumbled away."

Asserting that the present state of affairs in South Asia is "hopeless and insane" the author said the four nations should move for federalization now when the atmosphere, rendered clean by the tragic self-sacrifice of Mahatma Gandhi, has brought India and Pakistan closer to each other, and all four new nations are starting with fairly clean slates.

15 KILLED AND 30 INJURED

Passenger Train Runs Into Goods Train In Karachi

KARACHI, April 15 (API): Fifteen people were killed and thirty injured when a passenger train ran into a goods train, which was being shunted into a siding to-day at Jungshahi, about 60 miles north of Karachi.

SIX KILLED IN RLY. ACCIDENT

CALCUTTA April 16 (A.P.I.)—Six persons died and seven others were seriously injured as the result of a collision on April 14 between a passenger train and a loaded lorry on the Arran—Sasaram Railway according to a report released here today by the General Manager of Martin's Light Railway.

DRAINAGE SCHEME FOR SURAT

SURAT, April 16 (A.P.I.): The hundred and thirteen lakhs rupees scheme for a comprehensive drainage system for Surat will be inaugurated by Dr. M. D. D. Gilder, Minister for Health, Government of Bombay it is learnt.

Loans have been floated for implementing the scheme and preliminary arrangements for starting work are being copleted.

40 Killed And 300 Injured In Munitions Dump Explosion

RIO DE JANEIRO, April 15 (UPA): A big munitions dump of the Brazilian Army was almost entirely destroyed to-day by a series of heavy explosions. First reports said that 40 persons were killed and 300 injured.

The disaster occurred in a suburb called Villa Militar which is made up of installations of the Brazilian Army officers houses and barracks It is

FIRES STILL RAGING IN COLOMBIAN REFINERIES

WASHINGTON, April 15 (Reuter)—Fire was today raging among oil refineries at Barracabermejr in Colombia where revolt broke out six days ago—according to unconfirmed reports reaching the State Department tonight from Medellin, Colombia.

Disorders were reported from Terbo, and mines at Chocco Pacifico and Agoya Istmina were believed to be in rebel hands. Disturbances were also reported in Segovia, Antioquia, and in Otu.

Marine Drive Flat Burgled

Domestic Servant Arrested On Suspicion

BOMBAY, Friday.

Ignatius Pascal Mathias a domestic servant, with a cast-iron alibi, was taken in custody by the Colaba Police early this morning on the suspicion that he was implicated in a cleverly thought out house burglary, in which his employers lost cash and jewellery worth Rs. 13,550.

It was stated in court this morning, that the complainant in the case, his wife, and the accused, their servant, locked up the master's flat yesterday morning, and went to the Parsian Dairy at Marine Drive for lunch

The accused who was in company with his employers throughout, went home with the lady of the house about four in the evening. The lady, it was stated, opened the main door of the flat with her key. So far everything was in order

When she entered her bedroom, almost immediately, she discovered to her dismay that her cupboard had been broken open and all its contents—cash and jewellery valued at Rs. 13,550 removed.

The police who were informed suspected that Ignatius had manoeuvred the theft and took him in custody. They told the Court today that they suspected that Ignatius must have secreted some person in the flat before, it was locked up and that the man must have cleaned up the place and made away before the owners of the flat returned.

The police are investigating, now, if their surmise is correct, the man who committed the burglary escaped from the locked flat, for the outside door was intact.

Rao Saheb C. B. Velkar, Presidency Magistrate, Esplanade Court, ordered the accused to be remanded in custody for a fortnight.

'SAURASHTRA UNION DAY' CELEBRATIONS

Jamsaheb Appeals To People To Work For Well-being Of State

RAJKOT, April 15 (API): Unprecedented scenes of enthusiasm and rejoicing were witnessed at Rajkot today, the "Saurashtra Union day". The streets were beflagged and Government and private buildings were decorated and illuminated. After flag salutations prabhat pheries were taken out to celebrate the day which in the words of the Prime Minister, Mr. U. N. Dheber marked "the ending of the era in which for 5,000 years the potentialities and potential resources of the people remained untapped."

The Jamsaheb of Nawanagar, Rajpramukh of Saurashtra, drove in state through the main streets and performed the christening ceremony of a railway engine, which was named "Saurashtra." Speaking on the occasion, the Rajpramukh exhorted the railway staff to keep public service as their motto.

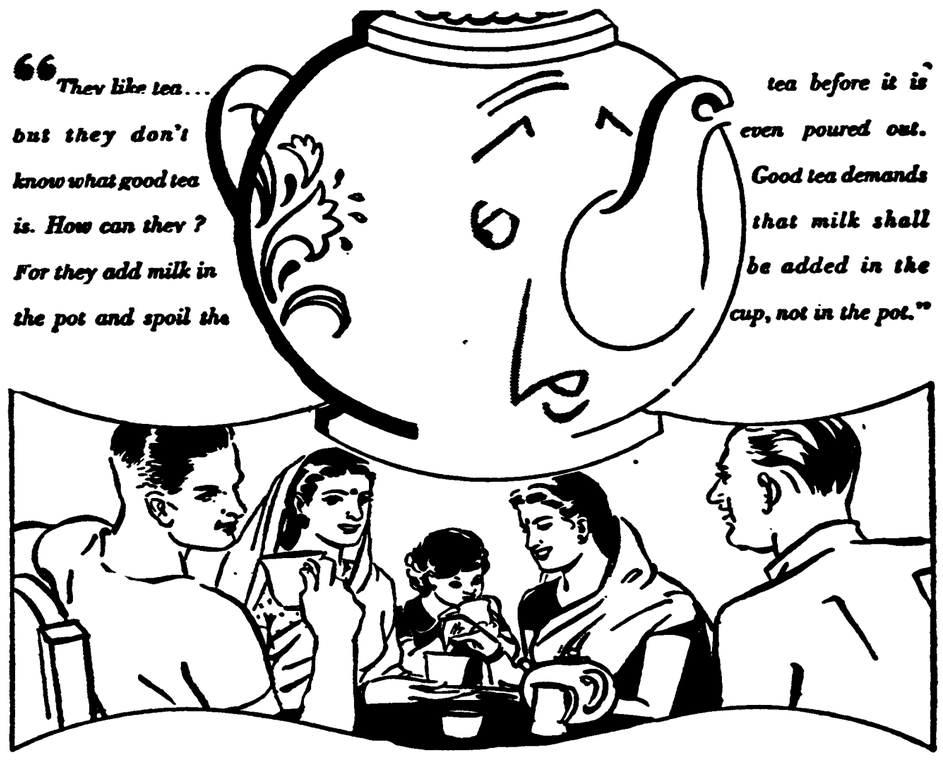
Presiding at a big gathering at the Gymkhana grounds, the Rajpramukh said that the cultivator of the State lands and the industrial labourer should have eight-hour work-days and that wages should be paid in cash.

His Highness traces the history of recent events and said that the 15th date was memorable for Saurashtra. "On August 15 we attained independence on February 15, 1948 we decided to unite, on April 15 we saw the birth of United States of Saurashtra and on June 15 we shall bring Junagadh and other areas under Saurashtra", he added.

The Rulers by their "great sacrifice" had, the Jamsaheb said, placed great responsibility on the people, and he hoped that the people would prove themselves worthy of that great responsibility, and create a state which would help India to be placed on her feet. That aim could be achieved His Highness added, only if the people worked like Mahatma Gandhi.

Earlier, the Prime Minister of Saurashtra, Mr. U. N. Dheber, speaking at the gathering reminded the people that by becoming free they had shouldered great responsibility. Mahatma Gandhi had taught them the unique way of achieving freedom and preserving it. With the assistance of Sardar Patel and by following the path of Mahatma Gandhi they would conquer all obstacles and build the temple of freedom which would be the pride to "the father of the nation", he said.

The Rajpramukh of Saurashtra will stay tonight as the guest of the Prime Minister and leave for Jamnagar tomorrow morning, it is learnt.



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W. INDIES CRICKET TEAM

Amarnath To Play Under Any Captain

CAWNPORE, April 16 (API).—Lala Amarnath, skipper of the Indian Cricket team that toured Australia, said today, that he would play under any captain if he were selected to play against the West Indies Cricket Team touring India, in the next cold weather.

"I expect the same spirit from others," he said, "for it will not be cricket if one were to stand out of the country's team on the score of not being made the captain."

Amarnath, who is here on a short private visit, refused to be drawn into any discussion on the Australian tour beyond remarking that it was a magnificent experience for the Indian players.

"I om submitting my confidential report to the Control Board, and after the report is submitted I may have to say something if the Board permitted me", he added.

Selections

(By Our Racing Correspondent).

The following are my selections for tomorrow's Gymkhana meeting:

1st Race:
BRACKEN Win
AFRICAN STAR Next Best

2nd Race:
CARLYON Win
EAST STREAM Next Best

3rd Race:
RAGHU Win
PRINCE Next Best

4th Race:
LUMINARY Win
RELIABILITY Next Best

5th Race:
NESSUS Win
UNIQUE Next Best

6th Race:
SOHEILA Win
CAVALIER Next Best

7th Race:
ROYAL PAGE Win
THE PIE Next Best

8th Race:
CHURCHILL Win
COUGAR Next Best

Switzerland's Davis Cup Team

No. 1 Player Spitzer To Be Non-Playing Captain

ZURICH April 16 (Reuter): Switzerland are looking forward to their first round Davis Cup match with Pakistan, which is to be played at Montreux from April 30 to May 2, and although Pakistan are making their first challenge for the trophy the Swiss are not taking the match too lightly.

Jost Spitzer, the Swiss champion and ranked number one will not take an active part in the match but will be playing captain to the team of Hans Houlander, Max Albrecht, J. P. Blondel and Edgar Buchi. Hounder and Albrecht are ranked immediately behind Spitzer, while Blondel and Buchi are fifth and sixth respectively in the Swiss rankings.

Spitzer admits in an article for the Grasshopper Club magazine that little is known in Switzerland of the playing qualities of two members of the Pakistan team. Iftikhar Ahmad and Mahmud Alam but is full of praise for the leading member of the side, Ghaus Mahomed. Spitzer concludes his article by paying tribute to Indian sportsmen "Having met with Indian sportsmen several times in England I have come to appreciate their simplicity correctness and poise which marks them popular on the courts. They are liked as players and as the English say, they are "gentlemen and good sport," he says.

I.C.I. DISPUTE FOR ADJUDICATION

The industrial dispute between the Imperial Chemical Industries (India) Ltd., (Dye Department) and its (Head Office) employees in Bombay has been referred for adjudication to the Industrial Tribunal consisting of Sir Harsidhbhai V. Divatia.

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Kirkee Side In Final

Aga Khan Hockey

BOMBAY, Friday.

Kirkee United 2
Lucky Stars, Belgaum 0

What the Tatas might have done to the Lucky Stars had they possessed even a tolerably efficient forward line was demonstrated by the Kirkee United this evening when they beat the Belgaum side by the convincing margin of two goals to nothing and earned the right to contest the finals of this year's Aga Khan Hockey Tournament.

Apart from the two goals that the winners scored, they had at least four distinct opportunities of finding the boards. From an angle not acute enough to eliminate the possibility of scoring, right-half Ramrao shot feebly and wide with a reverse stick when even the custodian was beaten. The next chance to be missed was when Gabriel failed to connect with an easy first timer off a goalmouth pass. D. Nimal missed at least two scoring chances; first when he hit hard straight into Nazir instead of placing his shot and the second time when he essayed a feeble shot from two yards out and found the shot easily saved by the last defender of the Lucky Stars.

The approach work of the winners was sound and had their finishing been half as efficient as their approach the Kirkee side would almost certainly have notched up more than half a dozen goals. At outside left F. Xavier showed both speed and ball control which often enabled him to bypass defenders and send in a pass almost near the goal-mouth. The inner trio, consisting of the Nimal brothers and Gabriel, understood each other's game well enough to anticipate most of the moves that were initiated by any one of them. This understanding reduced to a minimum such occasions as when a backward or a sideways pass is left unattended and play veers swiftly on to the other end.

The half line of the winners was safe without possessing any particular brilliance. Right-half Atma Singh was usually to be found very near the ball and was more than useful on a number of occasions. Pivot B. N. Nimal had his work reduced by the efficient manner in which his forwards attacked their destination. Metellu, Darekar as well as custodian Shinde always appeared certain and did not cause the supporters of the Kirkee United any anxious moments. Once Shinde effected a brilliant save, clearing the ball almost from the stick of an onrushing forward.

The conquerors of the Tatas did not appear quite as formidable as in their last engagement. Their forwards possessed neither the speed nor the stickwork which alone enabled them to gain a victory over Bombay's main hope. The strength of their defence lay in centre-half Kemble who assumed the mantle of their most reliable defender. His untiring efforts either put an end to or diverted the efforts of the opposition's inner trio which wove patterns round the rest of the defenders.

G. N. Nimal scored early in the match by converting a pass from the right and after the teams had crossed over without any addition to the score, Gabriel scored a good goal after stopping the ball almost on the goal-line.

The Teams:—

KIRKEE UNITED: B. R. Shinde; G. N. Metellu and B. Darekar, Atma Singh, B. N. Nimal and F. D. Martis; Jalgaonkar, E. Gabriel, D. N. Nimal, G. N. Nimal and F. Xavier.

LUCKY STARS, BELGAUM: Nazir, M. Faizulla and A. Mahadev Rao; M. Ramanna, P. Kemble and G. R. Joshi, Gomes, Dalvi, B. M. Janedi: L. Bhandari and Panteshwar.

Saturday's match at 5-40 p.m. Calcutta Port Commissioners vs. B.B. & C.I. Rly. 'A' (Second Semi-final).

MORE FOOD IMPORTS

BOMBAY, Friday: Nine ships carrying over 59,000 tons of foodgrains from overseas arrived at the Bombay port during the first half of April, it is understood. These included 10,238 tons of rice from Egypt, 7,800 tons of rice from Burma, 7,335 tons of wheat from Argentine and wheat and flour from the United States and Australia.

Rice formed the bulk of the imports received during the month of March. These came in eighteen ships from the United States. Argentine, Burma and Australia brinnig in all nearly 1,08,000 tons of foodgrains.

LAND REVENUE REMISSION FOR VICTIMS OF DISTURBANCES

In addition to the relief already sanctoned to sufferers in the disturbances following the assassination of Mahatma Gandhi, remission in the current year's land revenue has been granted, as a special act of grace, by the Government of Bombay.

The Collectors will grant such remission, at their discretion ,to khatedars who suffered substantially in the disturbances and have subsequently become destitute. The heirs of khatedars who were killed during, or died in consequence of injuries sustained in the disturbances and who have become destitute will also be given this concession. The Chief Administrators in the Deccan States will take similar action in the areas in their jurisdiction.

All the officers have been instructed to see that all Khatedars or their heirs concerned are informed of this concession and that its benefit is not lost to any one of them through mere ignorance of the Government orders.

M. R. JAYAKAR TO BE VICE-CHANCELLOR OF POONA UNIVERSITY

The Government of Bombay has appointed the Right Honourable Dr M. R. Jayakar, Bar-at-Law P.C. as the first Vice-Chancellor of the University of Poona for a period of two years.

The Governor of Bombay has signified assent to the Bombay Land Revenue Code (Amendment) Act, 1948 The Act which has now become law has been published in the Bombay Government Gazette of April 16.

HOLKAR START DISASTROUSLY

Third Fixture In Ceylon Begins In Bad Weather

COLOMBO, April 16, (Reuter): The third in the series of matches between Holkar Eleven and Ceylon Cricket Association Eleven began here today.

The weather was sultry, and a heavy downpour early this morning delayed commencement of the game by 45 minutes, the play starting at 11.30 a.m.

The teams are:

CEYLON CRICKET ASSOCIATION ELEVEN:— M. Sathasivam (Captain), S. Coomaraswamy, S. Nagendra, G. M. Spittel, C. V. Abeyseker, J. E. M. Fernando, C. E. Allen, B. R. Heyn, M. Makkin Salih, V. C. Prins and Gunasena.

HOLKAR ELEVEN:— Col. C. K. Nayudu (Captain), S. Mushtaq Ali, C. T. Sarwate, C. S. Nayudu, K. V. Bhandarkar, B. B. Nimbalkar, Saleem Khan, Gaikwad, J. N. Bhaya, M. Jagdale and O. P. Rawal.

Col. Nayudu, winning the toss, elected to bat and opened Holkar innings with Sarwate and Bhandarkar to the bowling of Allen and Coomaraswamy.

The weather was dull; the sky was overcast, allowing only occasional glimpses of sunshine.

The batsmen were pinned down to the defensive right from the start. The first five overs were maidens.

Holkar started the day disastrously losing four wickets, for 43 runs at lunch.

HOLKAR ELEVEN

C. T. Sarwate b Coomaraswamy	3
K. V. Bhandarkar c Prinns b Coomaraswamy	0
Mushtaq Ali c Nagendra b Allen	4
Nimbalkar (run out)	0
Jadgale (not out)	14
Col. C. K. Nayudu (not out)	17
Extras	5
Total (For 4 wkts.)	43

High Court Vacation

The High Court closed on Friday 16th April 1948 for the summer vacation and will re-open on Monday 14th June 1948. The Hon'ble Mr. Justice Coyajee and the Hon'ble Mr. Justice Bhagwati will be the Vacation Judges.

Insolvency matters will be heard on Monday 26th April by Mr. Justice Coyajee, and on Monday 24th May by Mr. Justice Bhagwati.

Summary Suits and Short Causes will be heard on Tuesday 27th April by Mr. Justice Coyajee, and on Tuesday 25th May by Mr. Justice Bhagwati. Other urgent work will be taken up by the Vacation Judges on special application.

BRADMAN TEAM IN ENGLAND

Hopes To Play Best Cricket Australians Can

LONDON, April 16 (Reuter): The Australian cricketers arrived in England to-day aboard the liner 'Strathaird', which docked at Tilbury early this morning.

The Australians were welcomed by a Marylebone Cricket Club deputation including Lord Gowrie, former Governor General of Australia and by the Deputy High Commissioner. The officials had breakfast with the tourists.

Many of the Australians had cold, but said they were feeling fit, although Bradman was wrapped up with an overcoat and scarf, while several others were coughing as they were interviewed.

In a message to the cricketing public, Bradman said the Australians will play the best cricket they are capable of giving and that he will play as much as possible and in the best way he can.

They will have their first serious practice next week.

PLEA FOR PUBLIC HOLIDAY ON MAY DAY

Asoka Mehta, in the course of a statement, says, "The recent Convention of the Socialist Party at Nasik as also the inaugural conference of the Hind Mazdoor Panchayat unanimously decided to observe 1st May as MAY DAY and to appeal to the Government of India and the Provincial Governments to declare that day a public holiday. Accordingly, the Governments have been appealed to.

"The significance of the May Day is well-known. It is being observed a holiday, the principal festival of the working people, in most countries and many Governments, the latest being that of Burma, treat it as a public holiday. The May Day is the occasion for renewing the solemn pledge to work unceasingly for the shining goal of social democracy. Now that our country is free, the value and relevance of the May Day is all the greater. What was 26th January in the past seventeen years must now become the May Day till the cherished objective is realised. The aura of 26th January now covers 1st of May.

"It is unfortunate that in the past they May Day has been exploited, mostly by the Communists, for their sectarian ends. The old bad odour must be removed from the intrinsic aroma of the workers' festical. We repudiate all connection of sectarianism with a general demad for the May Day. Nor is the observance of that Day linked up, as some leaders of the AITUC have suggested, with protest against policies of the Government. Opposition to the Government need not be mixed up with this Day which can unlite and cement progrssive forces and not divide them.

Move To Prevent Civil War In Burma

Communist Tactics To Foment Troubles May Not Succeed

(From Our Correspondent)

RANGOON, April 5.

Rangoon saw last month a good lot of events, among which the Press incident and the Communist Party roundup are important. The Press incident has now been pushed into the background by a settlement between the Press and the Government, that settlement being precipitated by a yet greater incident. The Communist Party headed by Thakin Than Tun took advantage of the decline of confidence of the people in the Government by fomenting strikes all round, especially the Burma Oil Company labourers' strike which had caused much inconvenience to Rangoon's vehicular traffic by picketing the petrol issue to the civilians. The Press incident which had caused much resentment of the masses against the Government, had in a way encouraged the Communists who thought that the swing of confidence of the masses was towards them from Government, to openly defy the latter and pave the way to a civil strife which they expect would be to their advantage.

On March 27, the Resistance Anniversary Day, the day when Aung San and his Burma Defence Army went out of Rangoon simply to turn themselves into a phantom army of resistance against the Japanese in 1945, the APPFL celebrated the occasion by holding a mass rally at the Cantonment garden near the Shwedagon Pagoda, the very place where Aung San and his APPFL held a mammoth mass rally against the then Government under Governors Sir Dorman-Smith. At the same time the Communists held their own rally in the Bandoola Park. Both the leaders, Thakin Nu for the APPFL and Thakin Than Tun for the Communist Party, openly threw challenges at each other.

LEFT FRONT

On the same day in the evening the PVO called on all the left forces to join for the formation of a Left Front, and the Communist leaders were invited to a discussion for arrangements for a coalition. Thakin Than Tun and his satellites refused to come to the meeting. But what he had said in the morning was enough to convince the mediators of the utter uselessness of further negotiations with the Communists. So see for itself what was happening in the country. But it is doubtful if in the existing circumstances they would like any interference from outside quarter specially as that quarter passed its judgment even before it placed Czechoslovakia in the dock. The Czechs firmly believe that the present Western hostility to them would soon pass away and cordial relations would be reestablished.

One thing is certain, Czechoslovakia will never place her faith in the West. It was West that let her down at Munich and now certain Western interests are even encouraging Germans to launch a revisionistic campaign against Czechoslovakia. She will look to her Eastern Allies for help in the hour of her difficulty. Even many Czechs, who do not like Soviet ideology feel they must make friends with their powerful neighbour.

GRATITUDE TO INDIA

The people of Czechoslovakia have the greatest regard for India and her people. Dr Kavan feelingly said that they could never forget that when they had almost no friends in the world in 1938 it was Nehru, the Prime Minister of India, who stood by them. Though they preferred trade with countries with planned economy they would like to strengthen their trade with India. They wanted India's raw materials and could supply in exchange the products of their factories. Czechoslovakia would welcome students from India. No fees will be charged but the students will have to pay for their own board and lodging.

MOVE TO PREVENT CIVIL WAR.

The Press and the Government have joined hands now in the common cause of prevention of a civil war. The Press is all for peace and democracy, and would not tolerate the advent of a civil war, whoever the author of the civil war may be. The people are definitely against any kind of war, be it civil or international. Burma has learnt a very bitter lesson in regard to war, and would never hear of it. Besides, there are not enough elements of ideological differences to lead to a civil war. The people at large are for democracy, and by democracy they mean ample ways of personal freedom and equality. They are by training against Communism, which they are afraid would do away with their much revered religion. They have not really liked the ways of the Communists. They feel the need for rehabilitation. They know they must wade through a vast stretch of the mire of economic difficulties, and they mean to grow more rice and get more clothings from other countries. Beyond their daily routine of work, the masses do not care a damn about these imposed ideologies. In fine, they like peace at all costs; they want freedom with all its implications. As a matter of fact, they do not fully realise the meaning of freedom, but when suddenly brought to the test, they showed themselves to have been 'endowed' with a sense of the four freedoms. (For instance, the people at large resented the recent outrage on the Press long before they heard the case from both sides.)

WILL COMMUNISTS SUCCEED

Now the Communists have deliberately raked up the fire with the hope of making a conflagration of civil strife. It remains to be seen if they can successfully fling Burma into the throes of a civil war. Their chances are, however, very small. The people do not want a civil war. In fact, they do not want Communism. At best, there will be some disturbances in the bothells of Communism, that is in the Middle Burma.

The monsoon is to come soon, and the ploughing season is imminent. The peasants are now making the usual preparations with the same usual earnestness, but their enthusiasm is tinged with a vague fear that something untoward might turn up to disturb their work. For them it is rice which gives them food and clothing, and not this new-fangled idea called 'Kun-myu-nit' (Communism)!

POONA RURAL DEVELOPMENT BOARD

The Government of Bombay has reconstituted the Poona Rural Development Board under the Chairmanship of the Collector. The new Board will have 10 official members besides the Collector and 42 non-official members excluding the representatives of Taluka Development Associations and Co-operative Marketing Societies.

The Board will elect a small executive committee of which the Vice-Chairman and the Secretaries will be ex-officio members and such other committees as may be necessary for specific purposes.

London Letter

CZECH DIPLOMAT EXPLODES MYTH OF "IRON CURTAIN"

No Faith In West That Let Them Down At Munich: "Gratitude To India For Support In 1938"

(From our Correspondent)

LONDON:— "Man is still a baby observed Dr. Kavan, Czechoslovak Ambassador in London in the course of a discussion on the present international situation I had with him at the Embassy.

Indeed, if he were not a baby he would realise the futility of war. He would not play with atom bombs, radio clouds, and the other paraphernalia of the Devil. He would know it is dangerous to play with fire.

Such being the case, it was difficult for the Ambassador to say whether there would or would not be a war. So far his own country was concerned, it needed nothing more than absolute peace. The Czechs wanted to be left alone to rebuild their country according to their own lights maintaining most cordial relations with the whole world. "But if we are attacked," interjected Dr. Kave, Press Attache, "we would fight as every people would fight in similar circumstances.

CHARGE AGAINST WEST

Why the people in the West slandered their country, they could not understand. Why they deliberately maligned and misrepresented them. Czechoslovakia, which only a few weeks ago, was described as a democratic country. Happenings in their country might not suit the taste of Western countries. But can that be the reason for the present campaign of hate by those who professed to be apostles of tolerance. What sin did they commit if they did by declining Marshal plan. Was the acceptance of Marshal plan essential qualification of democratic people. But they hope that sooner or later, sooner rather than later, common sense would prevail and the present war psychosis would fail.

THE IRON CURTAIN

They had been hearing about iron Curtain for the last few years in reference to Czechoslovakia. But most of those who indulged in this talk had correspondents in Czechoslovakia who could go about freely anywhere they liked. They were not subjected to any kind of censorship and it was interesting that those newspapers, in the West who complained about iron curtain were able to give the fullest stories most of them distorted, of the recent happenings. The newspapers went even so far as to publish fictitious interviews with Dr Benes, President of the Republic.

One may not like the political set-up in Czechoslovakia. But it cannot be doubted that it is what the people of Czechoslovakia want. The large majority of people undoubtedly the new economic order does not satisfy many. It is actively resisted by many who have been hit. Those who collaborated with Germans during the country's occupation have been particularly hard hit as the result of the new order. They would like to blow up the present order. They drew strength from the recent wave of Western hysteria against Czechoslovakia. It was God-send to them. But the little tricks of little men have left the new order almost untouched. In fact, it has strengthened the determination of the workers and farmers to go ahead with their programme. Thus the West by its wild talk has actually strengthened forces whom they were anxious to rout.

What will be the result of the Lake Success discussions on Czechoslovakia? In ordinary circumstances the leaders of the country would have welcomed world public opinion to

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Parsi: Avan 17, 1317.
Sunrise 6-21 a.m., Sunset 18-57 p.m.
Hightide 05-18, 19-02, Lowtide 00-16. 11-48.

Domestic Occurrence

DEATH

SHAH Jagjivandas Purushottamdas of Godhra, father of Dr. Mangaldas Shah, expired Friday 16th night. Funeral at 11 a.m. Saturday from his residence, Darbhanga Flats, Pedder Road.

Uthamana, 5-30 p.m. (S.T.), Monday, 19th instant, at his residence.

To-day's Engagements

GENUINE FUSLEE ZOROASTRIAN KHURDADSAL: Jashan Ceremony at 9 a.m., on Sunday, (18th instant) at Wachha's Fire Temple, opposite Petit Library, Hornby Road.

MUSIC AT VICTORIA GARDENS: Indian Vocal Music at Victoria Gardens, Bombay today (Saturday) from 9 p.m. to 11 p.m. (S.T.) by Mr. N. S Vartak

MAZDOOR SANGH: Sri. H. N. Trivedi, Secretary, Mazdoor Sangh, will address a meeting on "Labour and Prohibition' today (Saturday) at Worli.

PROGRESSIVE YOUTH LEAGUE: The Progressive Youth League will hold a discussion meeting at Chubildas Lulloobhoy Boys' School, Dadar to-day (Saturday) at 5 p.m. on "Youth and Civic Life".

SUNDAY CIRCLE: The "Sunday Circle" Club Pavilion and Tennis Court will be open daily for the members of "Bandra Circle". Sea cruise to Uran is arranged by s.s. Baghdad, Sunday 18th April, leaving at 9 a.m. Ferry Wharf.

GIRGAUM D. C. C.: A meeting of the corporators and workers of Girgaum Ward will be held today (Saturday) at 7 p.m. in the G. D. C. C. office to consider the report and suggestions of the Municipal sub-committee.

INDIAN MUSIC CIRCLE, BOMBAY: Vocal music by Bai Kesarbai Kerkar at 9-30 p.m. today (Saturday) at Marwari Vidyalaya Hall, Sandhurst Road.

EDUCATIONAL FILMS: Free weekly show, 91 Walkeshwar Road today (Saturday) 4 p.m. A limited number of high school students duly recommended by Principals could also be accommodated.

"TELEGRAPH NOTIFICATION": Excepting Government, all other telegrams to Columbia will be accepted only at sender's risk.

ROBERT MONEY SCHOOL: The Robert Money School was closed on Friday as a mark of respect to the memory of Sir Homi Mehta who was a great friend of the school and an enthusiastic supporter of technical education.

TAPASE TO OPEN RAM MANDIR AT DEHERI

Mr. G. D. Tapase, Minister for Industries, Backward Classes and Fisheries, will leave for Gholwad (Thana District) today (Saturday) evening and will return to Bombay on Monday morning (April 19) Mr. Tapase will perform the opening ceremony of the newly constructed Ram Mandir at Deheri.

L. S. M. STAFF UNION

"400 employees of the Indian Standard Metal Co., Ltd., of the Tatas says tths Secretary of the Union have been locked out since the 11th instant. The employees threatened with a large-scale retrenchment protested against indiscriminate dismissals: and decided to resist the Co.

The Metal Mazdur Sabha served a notice of strike demanding cancellation of retrenchment notices, minimum wage and annual bonus. The Co. took a smart step and declared a lock out a day before the expiry of the strike notice period.

The Metal Mazdur Sabha now claims that the Co. is solely responsible for the closure of the work, since the strike never took place and demands that full wages and allowances be paid to these locked out.

MAHA GUJARAT RAJASTHAN PRAJA SAMMELAN

BOMBAY, April 15.

The session of the Maha Gujarat Rajasthan Praja Sammelan, will begin on Saturday the 17th April at 4 p.m. under the presidentship of Sjt. K. M. Munshi There will be an entertainment programme for the members at 8 p.m.

On Sunday, the 18th, there will be a flag salutation at 8-30 p.m. at the pandal by the Premier of Saurashtra. At 9 a.m. an address of welcome will be presented to the Ministry on behalf of the people of Saurashtra in Bombay.

Subject Committee will sit from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. and open Session will begin from 4 p.m. At 8 p.m. the well-known charan poets of Kathiawar Kavi Dula Kag and Gadhvi Merubha will sing the folk songs of Kathiawar.

RECEPTION TO MINISTERS

All Ministers of the Saurashtra Government Cabinet are coming to Bombay on the 17th instant, by air at about 4 p.m. Reception will be given to them at aerodrome.

H.M.I.S. "SUTLEJ" TO RETURN HOME

BOMBAY, April 16 (A.P.I.): The Royal Indian Navy sloop, H.M.I.S. "Sutlej" which left for Portsmouth, England, in the middle of February with a batch of officers and ratings for training to take over the newly acquired cruiser H.M.I.S. "Delhi" (formerly "The Achilles") is expected to return to India in the last week of May.

MR. MORARJI DESAI

Mr. Morarji Desai, Minister for Home and Revenue, will leave Bombay on Saturday, April 17 for a tour in the Bijapur District and will return on the morning of Wednesday, April 21.

WEATHER SUMMARY

POONA, April 16. (A. P. I.): The following is the weather summary for Friday, (16th inst.):—

Observations from the Western Pakistan are practically absent, but it is believed that yesterday's western disturbance over north-east Baluchistan is moving north-eastwards through the North N.-W. F. P. and Kashmir.

Thundershowers have been widespread in Malabar, and occurred at a few stations in Assam, the South Konkan, the Bombay Deccan and Hyderabad.

Day temperatures were appreciably above normal in the East Central Provinces and over the region extending from the North Bombay Deccan to the United Provinces and West Bengal.

FORECAST UNTIL THE 17TH EVENING:—Thundershowers will occur locally in Assam, the North Bombay Deccan and Malabar. A few thundershowers are also likely in the Eastern Pakistan, the north N.-W. F. P., Kashmir, Berar, the West Central Provinces, the South Konkan, the South Bombay Deccan, West and South Hyderabad, Mysore and the Madras Deccan.

Day temperatures will continue appreciably above normal from the Central Provinces to the United Provinces and West Bengal.

WEATHER CHART

POONA, April 16, (A. P. I.): The following is the weather chart showing the maximum and minimum temperatures and rainfall in inches during past 24 hours from 1st April 1948 and departure from normal recorded at 08-00 hours (I. S. T.), on the 16th April, 1948:—

Ahmedabad 102 79 0 0 0, Allahabad nil, Baroda 105 72 0 0 —, Bhuj 101 76 0 0 minus 0.1, BOMBAY 94 79 0 0 0, Calcutta 96 80 0 0 minus 0.7, Cawnpore 105 73 0 0.1 0, Colombo 88 76 T 2.8 minus 1.6, Delhi nil, Hyderabad (Dn) 106 — 0.1 0.6 minus 0.1, Indore 102 72 0 0 minus 0.1, Jacobabad 104 79 0 0 minus 0.1, Jubbulpore 105 75 0 0.1 0, Lahore nil, Lucknow 105 75, 0 0 minus 0.2, Madras 93 78 0 0 minus 0.2, Mysore 96 72 0 0.3 minus 0.4, Nagpur 109 70 0 minus 0.3, Patna 106 77 0 0 minus 0.1, Peshawar nil, Poona 105 75 0 0 minus 0.3, Quetta nil, Rajkot 103 75 0 0 0, Rawalpindi 90 66 0 0.1 minus 1.3, Shillong 77 68 0.3 6.2 plus 3.9, Srinagar nil, Surat 104 75 0 0 0.

R.I.N. CARRIES OUT ANTI-SUBMARINE OPERATIONS

BOMBAY, April 16 (API).—Anti-submarine operations were carried out by the Royal Indian Navy off Cochin between March 27 and April 10, Naval Headquarters Bombay, said today.

RAMDAS KILACHAND ENTERTAINED

BOMBAY, Friday.

The President and members of the Managing Committee of the Grain and Oilseeds Merchants' Association were 'at home' to Mr. Ramdas Kilachand, President, Indian Merchants' Chamber at a tea party at the Taj Mahal Hotel this afternoon.

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Progress is to be measured by the amount of suffering undergone by the sufferer. The purer the suffering, the greater the progress. Hence did the sacrifice of Jesus suffice to free a sorrowing world!
—MAHATMA GANDHI

NO UNION NOW

The proposal for a federation of India, Pakistan, Burma and Ceylon, which has been commended by Mr. Clarence Streit, would be an inspiring lead were it not for the fact that it ignores historical realities. In the last fifteen years of British rule, these territories have been forced apart in circumstances which have left India herself struggling for cohesion. If the four newly formed States are to come together, it must be round some magnetic centre which will hold them together. If there is to be unity now, it will be a negotiated unity with concessions that will leave the centre even weaker than it is today. Therefore, it will be a unity floating on suspicion and prejudice. In fact, the very proposal will give rise to all kinds of fears and apprehensions. As India is the largest area, it is natural that the other three territories will be fearful of her. And we shall be back where we were before August 15, 1947.

Therefore, however tempting the prospect may be, it is well for Indians to turn away from it and concentrate on the problems that confront them in their present territory. We have yet to build up a common citizenship and a robust nationalism. More attention to this task and less glances across the frontiers are what is urgently called for. The leaders of the nation have indicated time and again that they will not be diverted from the task into efforts to woo other peoples to join us in a union or federation. Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru has even gone so far as to say that, if Pakistan should ask to reunite with India, the answer would be an emphatic no. Even as we are, we can build a strong India. In a federation of uneasy peoples, India will be lost. A strong India could declare a Monroe Doctrine for South Asia and see it respected. A weak South Asian Union would have to endure every foreign influence.

This is not the time for considering Union. It is essentially a time for consolidation of what we have. The American analogy is far-fetched. The colonies, which united in revolt, might have quarrelled amongst themselves but they did not cease to cherish their freedom. Moreover, America had to pass through a bitter period of civil war to keep the country united. Before Mr. Clarence Streit commends the South Asian Union plan, he must consider whether India can follow America all along the line or even whether she wishes to do so. In the last analysis, it is for Indians to take the decision, and it is easy to predict what that decision will be. In the circumstances, it is difficult to regard the Fusa scheme as anything other than a red herring drawn across the path of all the four countries affected.

Bombay's Film Policy

While the film censorship in this province is severely criticised in certain quarters, the assurances given by Mr. Morarji Desai, Bombay's Home Minister, the other day in a press conference, should dispel doubts on the part of the producers as regards the Government's attitude towards the film industry. In fact, the policy of the Government was not unknown to the producers. An indication was given to them by the Prime Minister, Mr. B. G. Kher, in November, 1946, in his inaugural address to the All-India Film Conference. And the censorship has been recast in pursuance of that policy. The Government is anxious to raise the moral and cultural tone of Indian films. The producers, according to their own professions, have also felt the necessity of improving standards of production, but they are not known to have worked out any plan to achieve this objective. The Home Minister has explained the policy outlined the procedure to which the Government is likely to resort, in order to remove certain defects in the censorship.

The idea of censorship is not novel to the film industry in India. But, its has hitherto functioned without attracting public notice. Now that the whole question has come before the public, there is a certain element of surprise at the thought that Government guidance is necessary for the elevation of the industry and the better production of films. No original creative art can be expected, it is argued, under control. But, Indian films have so far displayed little originality and, from the Home Minister's remarks, it is plain that the proposed regulation is intended to remove certain anomalies and check the prevailing tendency to dwell on the sensational. Moreover, the Government proposal is more to over-haul the present censorship and make the machinery more efficient than to impose fresh shackles on producers Much of the opposition springs from failure to appreciate this fact. It is more important to ensure that the task is entrusted to the right people, than to oppose all censorship.

The censorship to which the industry was accustomed for a long time was, so far, more or less negative in its aims and of a political nature. It did not object to the films depicting gangsterism crime and drink or misrepresenting India. The industry is now going to have a censorship which is expected to be positive in its aims and to be moral and cultural in its scope. The Code of Production, which the Government intends to furnish to the producers will be a useful guide to them in the matter of the selection or omission of subjects. The pre-censorship of the scenario, if it is introduced, will minimise the chances of extensive cuts and will be a preventive against the total rejection of films. If entrusted to experts and scholars, the pre-censorship of the scenario may prove to be a valuable help to the producers and will be conducive to the improvement of the standards of films. The desirability of making a distinction between children and adults for admission to entertainment films cannot be denied, but, at the same time, the difficulties involved in the enforcement of such legislation cannot be overlooked. The foremost among them will be verification of the ages of children.

The Indian film has halted at the stage of entertainment, irrespective of its standards, length or educative and cultural possibilities. Its development as a form of entertainment of higher standards and, as an instrument of education, art and culture, is an immediate necessity of the country. To be Indian, the film should give a convincing portrayal of Indian life. It should be a medium of expression of national ideals. Thus, for example, screen versions of classics and mythological and historical episodes should be faithful and not distorted. We hope that this point will not be left out of the Code of Production. The average entertainment film produced in India is unduly lengthy; there should be regulations for the length and every film should be made to conform to them.

The producers are now asked to recognise their obligations to the people and handle productions with an eye on the cultural interests of the people and not only on box-office receipts. It would have been preferable if the new policy had been introduced as an all-India measure making for common standards throughout. Perhaps the fact that Bombay has initiated the move, indicates that it is in the nature of an experiment.

Frankly Speaking

Future Of 'French' India

It has now been decided that the future of the French possessions in India should be decided by plebiscite. Residents of Pondicherry, Chandernagore and Mahe will be called upon to vote on the issue whether they should join India or remain independent. A view has been expressed that the so-called French possessions are but a part of India and their inclusion in the Indian Union is not a matter which needs any plebiscite. Apprehension was also being felt by some people that the proposed plebiscite may not be held under conditions of complete freedom and that the French authorities my exert undesirable influence. But the Government of India has arrived at an understanding with the French authorities and is obviously satisfied that the plebiscite will be held on the right lines. It has given an assurance to a representative of the Committee of Action of Chandernagore that the plebiscite will be held in a "just and fair manner". That assurance should be sufficient to allay all apprehensions as far as the conduct of the proposed plebiscite is concerned.

Democratic Method

There is no doubt whatsoever that it is the inherent right of the French possessions to be an integral part of India. But the Government of India is pledged to pursue the method of accord and understanding rather than that of conflict in the decision of all matters—including those in which it is firmly convinced that right is on its side. It is also pledged, in every dispute of this kind, to apply the democratic method of ascertaining the will of the people by plebiscite. It accepted the method of plebiscite for Junagadh as much as for Kashmir It has approved of the same method in the case of the French possessions. It is willing to continue to stand by that method in the case of Hyderabad or of Goa. The trouble arises only because other parties are not willing to be so devoted and consistent in the adherence to democratic methods.

Warning To Portugal

The Portuguese Government in particular should pay close attention to the agreement between the Government of India and the French authorities. There is in both a lesson and a warning. France has decided, just as the British decided, that in order to keep friendly relations with India, it would be wise to quit without trying any longer to perpetuate her domain by digging itself in. Fascist Portugal must learn the simple truth that it cannot for long rule over a people who will not be ruled by her. If it continues to insist on not learning this fundamental truth soon by the easy and pleasant method of persuasion she will be forced to learn it by means far less easy and pleasant—much more so to her than to the resurgent people of India. It is ludicrous for Portuguese Imperialists to flatter themselves into the delusion that where giants like Britain and France have failed and have wisely recognised the failure, a pigmy will succeed.

Congressmen Too!

A news agency report from Belgaum indicates that nine Congress workers of the District have been externed. From the cryptic message it is not clear exactly under what provision of law the action has been taken although the "Goonda Act" is mentioned. Presumably action has been taken under one or other of the Emergency powers with which Government has armed itself during the last two years In connection with the use of these emergency powers, some cases recently decided by the High Court deserve attention. Mr. Justice Sen and Mr. Justice Jahagirdar rejected a "Habeas Corpus" petition on behalf of Mr. N. N. Desai Editor of an Ahmedabad daily. They had to do so in terms of the law as it stands. But it would seem that, although they had no doubt that the order of detention served on him was legally proper, they did doubt if it was necessary. The petitioner was a Congressman for 25 years from 1920. He deviated from the fold for a few months but the shock of Gandhiji's death made him realise his error. Bearing this in mind Their Lordships recommended to Government that his case deserved re-examination. But in another case disposed of by the same bench of judges even the element of legal propriety seems to have been missing. It was a case of a gentleman from Kaira who had been detained under the Public Security Measures Act. It transpires that Mr. Dhanmantrai Shroff, the detainee in question who was described as "communally minded" by the District Magistrate who ordered his detention, is really a Congressman of long standing, a staunch follower of Mahatma Gandhi and a devoted social worker, greatly respected in the district. Their Lordships held that the District Magistrate had not applied his mind to the case at all. And yet Mr. Shroff was detained in jail from February 29, when he was arrested till April 15, when he was released by order of the Court.

The Important Lesson

All the incidents we have referred to raise but one issue and that is the proper exercise of the powers given to police and district officers under the various emergency enactments. It is exactly the misuse or even cases of doubtful use that provide justification for the anxieties of the critics of these measures. Government has armed itself with powers obviously to deal with an extraordinary situation but for which it would not wish to wield such powers. We believe in fact that Government looks upon the assumption of these powers as an unpleasant duty rather than a welcome privilege. The legislature and the public have generally approved and endorsed Government's action also because of ugly necessity, not because they have ceased to believe in liberty. Therefore, a heavy responsibility is cast on Government. The more powers they assume, the greater becomes the need for vigilance. Law generally provides checks on the improper use of power. When such checks are taken away by law the Government is put on its honour to exercise those checks upon itself by its own action. We should like to suggest that the Government should take the hint from the High Court and undertake an extensive reconsideration of all cases of detention without trial as well as the policy underlying such detentions. But that is not all. The most important lesson of these unfortunate instances of the misuse of the powers acquired for the executive is the vital necessity of vigilance not only by the legislature but by Government itself. For otherwise, they will inevitaby deteriorate into license for executive autocracy and irresponsible dictatorship.

Significance Of Italian Election

By ASOKA MEHTA: (Special To The Chronicle)

ON 18TH APRIL THE ITALIAN VOTERS WILL VOTE FOR, NOT ONLY THE FUTURE OF THEIR COUNTRY, BUT ALSO FOR THE FUTURE OF EUROPE AND OF PEACE. THE ITALIAN GENERAL ELECTIONS, WITH THE PRECARIOUSLY BALANCED FORCES BETWEEN THE LIBERALS AND WESTERN ORIENTED SOCIAL DEMOCRATS AND THE COMMUNISTS WITH THEIR POPULAR FRONT IN THE TOW, ARE LIKELY TO DETERMINE THE POLITICAL MAP OF EUROPE.

The elections are hotly contested, and as many as 99 political parties are participating in the elections. The serious parties, however, are the Christian Democrats, the Liberals and the Saragat group of Socialists, all forming the Government now in power; and the Communists and the fellow-travelling Nenni Socialists forming the opposition. There are the quack parties of neo-Fascists like the Uomo Qualunque and the irrepressible Monarchists. A recent straw pol gave 36 per cent of the votes to the Christian Democrats (the Italian equivalents of the French M.R.P.) and 13 per cent to its allies on the Left Centre. The Communists and their fellow travellers are given 25 per cent, while the rest of the poll goes to extreme Rightwing groups and splinter parties. It is difficult to say how far the straw poll really shows the direction of the political wind.

COMMUNIST STRENGTH.

The important question is will the Communists climb to power through the ballot box? Communism is a powerful political force in Italy; the Italian Communist Party is second in size only to the party in Russia itself. Its membership stands at 2,252,000 a gain of about 200,000 in the last year. This membership represents 7.5 per cent of the population. This huge membership is organised into 50,000 cells, the basis of the party's superstructure: the cell varies in membership from 5 to 25. These cells are integrated into 10,000 'Sections', an increase of 1,400 over the figure for the last year. These Sections, in their turn, are brought together into 92 'Federations', over which is the apex of the party, the Politburo with its all-powerful General Secretary Palmiro Togliatti. The social composition of the party is as follows:

49 per cent industrial workers,
36 per cent teachers, artists, writers and other intellectuals;
11 per cent white-collar employees and
4 per cent farmers

GAINS AND LOSSES.

The million members drawn from the industrial workers enable the C.P. to maintain a strangle-hold on the six million strong Trade Union Congress. An equal number of intellectuals that include University students also provides the best means of propaganda for the party. The white-collar employees, who embrace technicians, provide the builder new economy when C.P. comes to power. The poor hold among farmers is sought to be strengthened by the intensive drive that was launched among the village poor in Southern Italy, the traditional home of Catholic faith, and Sicily. The drive has, it must be admitted yielded good results; for the first time, the Communists are a significant factor in the elections in the South.

These gains are, however, balanced by the losses in the industrial north. Recent events in Czechoslovakia, and the hardening of the Kremlin's policy have disintegrated, to some extent, the fellow-travelling mass gathered round the hard core of the Communist members. The defection, for instance, of the former Premier Pari, from the pro-Communist league of partisan organisation has weakened the skilfully organised "front" of the Italian C.P. Some of the members of the party, too, have been repeating the now familiar journey from the Kremlin to the Catholic Church.

NENNI AND HIS SOCIALISTS.

The real loss to the Communist cause comes from the weakening of Pietro Nenni's group among the Socialists. This development deserves more than passing attention.

Nenni was the recognised leader of the Social Democrats during the dark years of Fascist rule in Italy. He was one of the recognised spokesmen, avowed champion of liberty and democracy, of the Second International. During the period of resistance in the war, he came close to the Communists and was converted to the philosophy of Socialist Communists 'er.tente'. His policy, as is the case with all crypto-Communists, unfolded slowly. It was only by the end of 1946, that the trend of his policy became unmistakable. Early in 1947 a split occurred in the ranks of the Italian Socialist Party. Defending the split, Giuseppe Faravelli wrote in the American 'Modern Review' (March 1947): "One fact—inexplicable except in terms of ruthless machine politics—emerged. The same fifth column which at Florence, when its apparatus was still incomplete, was defeated by those of us who advocated autonomy for the Party was able to present itself a few months later in Rome with an overwhelming majority. And this despite the political defeats the Party had suffered meanwhile under its leadership, in amnesty campaign, the administrative elections, etc.!

"Thus the minority was confronted with a startlingly clear revelation of the fact that a totalitarian apparatus was now firmly in the saddle. This apparatus had smashed the democratic pact which permitted diverse socialist currents to co-exist within the party...

"The politics to which the minority refused to become an accomplice were revealed in a careless moment shortly before the Roman convention by none other than the president of the Party and the head of the fifth column, Pietro Nenni. In an electoral speech at Spezia, Nenni declared that the unity of action pact was the instrument that would permit the two 'allied' parties (S. P. and C. P.) to win and exercise power without any secondary alliances with bourgeois parties. It was also to be the instrument, Nenni declared, to institute an 'economic democracy' of the Soviet type.

"But what would this vague 'power' be actually, provided it could gain power which is to be doubted? Based on Communist totalitarianism, spiritually as well as materially monolithic, and a captive Socialist Party infiltrated by Stalinist Fifth Columnists and deserted by the masses, it would be nothing more than a disguised dictatorship of the type of the present 'popular' governments in the Balkans. These profess to be coalition governments but are simply puppet set-ups for manipulations at the hands of the Communists and the indefatigable NKVD. This power would be shackled to the foreign policy of the Soviet Union and would fail utterly, therefore, in the field in which above all Socialists must ultimately justify themselves: 'i.e.' in the field of foreign policy through implementing a socialist policy in international relations."

THE SOCIAL DEMOCRATS.

These considerations led to a split which was led by Saragat and Matteo Matteotti. The Saragat sector lumbered on and had great difficulty in getting any status in the Socialist world. The Socialist conferences that met at Zurich and Antewerp continued the credentials of the Nenni group. Only the polarisation of European politics that the Marshall Aid Plan has brought and the complete withdrawal of the east European Socialists from the concert of social democrats has made it possible to the Western Socialist to disown Nenni and accredit Saragat's group. That recognition, and the turn of tide in European politics that was marked in Italy by the entry of Saragat and his colleagues into the De Gasperi Cabinet, just when Togliatti-Nenni factions were rocking the stability of the Italian Republic with strikes and disturbances, have greatly strengthened the secessionists. Recently many defections have taken place from the Nenni group, the most important being that of Signor Lombordo, one of the rising personalities in Italian politics. The Saragatists are extremely confident and will undoubtedly register gains in Milan, though in Emilia the older parties reign supreme.

BIG SCALE WOOING.

Big scale wooing is going on, from both sides of the frontiers, to influence the Italian vote. The unilateral surrender of administration of Trieste to Italian authorities by the Governments of U. S. and U. K., the proposal of admission of Italy in the United Nations in preference even to former allied nations from eastern Europe, and, on the other hand, the massive show of strength carried out by Russia and her satellites are all moves heavy with significance. Italy's strategic position, as the linch-pin of

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OUR EUROPEAN LETTER

U.S.- U.S.S.R. TUG-OF-WAR

(From Our Own Correspondent)

ZURICH, April 2

The outstanding factor which strikes one in conversations or on reading the European Press to-day is a strengthening of an offensive against the Soviet Union. In the West European Press, one finds this reflected principally in reports of various moves and measures directed against the Soviet Union with the extended support of the United States, and different notices revealing an intensified drive against the Soviet Union headed by American and British news agencies, and in the East European Press one notes the impress of this in the increased condemnation of different activities and attributed aims of the major Western Powers, under an alleged growing American direction.

PROPAGANDA WARFARE

It is greatly believed that a sharpening of an offensive against the Soviet Union, follows closely a disappointment felt over the changes in Czechoslovakia in the background of power politics or balance of power, and an attention to influencing events in Western Europe and outside advantageously to the American policy and helping some internal moves in the United States and certain other lands. A regular propaganda warfare is to-day on foot. One also notes that while newspapers in various lands are being filled with colourful and critical accounts of happenings in Czechoslovakia, small attention is paid to developments in countries like Indo-China and Indonesia. While Britain, whatever may be its background, has on the whole, a progressive policy in the post-war era to its credit in Asia, the same cannot be well said of Holland or France in dealings with "their" important possessions. And an anti-Soviet drive of America is being employed by them to re-usher disguised colonialism by the back door.

U. S. MOVES

It can neither be doubted nor denied that the United States at present takes a serious view of adopting more "efficient and effective" steps to meet a "challenge of the Soviet Union." This is what gives the new propaganda warfare a realism. The latest decision or approval of the United States to draw also Spain into the Marshall Plan, without worrying much over France staying in saddle, is a clear indication of care to pursuit of a firmer policy, involving even the abandonment of some earlier expressions of faith and attitude. The move in relation to Spain, will at the same time, give a blow to European Social Democracy. Probably this does not disturb the United States very much. Social Democracy, its mild sympathisers bemoan and its hardened opponents rather gaily assert, has proved no strong or reliable force in arresting the tide of communism in a number of countries. There are moments when generalisations are quickly made. In Moscow, the sharp and strong rise in American attitude or antagonism, is neither overlooked nor under-estimated. A more serious attention is paid to it, since the United States is now considered as being able to assert a greater measure of influence over Britain than before. London's move to keep communists out of positions affecting the "security" of the State has made a profound impression, not only in Moscow, but also in other European capitals. It might be followed up and expanded, under conditions, by France, to weakening a communist hold over the trade union movement. This will also depend on the result of the Italian election. One may assume that a substantial check to the communists at the Italian election will bring strengthening of moves to try and crush the position of the communists in France and extending of American participation in the Greek civil war. The ground for the latter is being prepared by a new press campaign.

SOVIET REALISM

The Soviet Union which knows its limits better than Germany under Hitler is not likely to over-step certain points easily. In the United States, while there is wide acceptance to the need of firmness and strength to meet the Soviet Union, there are many careful observers, who view with some anxiety developments more closely linked with military preparations being greatly precipitated. The "war danger" is now considerably more rated in America than in Europe Indeed in Europe a "war psychosis", which mounted towards the end of February, has definitely dropped. While the Soviet Union may be expected to take good note of the strength and implications of the moves against it, the rythm of a political game as conducted by major Powers sensing opposition, will lead Moscow to push along certain directions, be it to strengthen a position or improve a bargaining power. The most important of these, in all probability, will be supplied by Germany, in regard to which country some striking developments are well to be expected in the period ahead.

TUSSLE OVER GERMANY

Different signs point to an added care being devoted by the opposing groups headed by the Soviet Union and the United States for "winning" Germany. "Winning", means, succeeding in getting Germany closely attached to one or other of the systems. The task is not easy. Both America and the Soviet Union have to take into consideration the views of other Powers (America principally those of France and the Soviet Union for the while of Poland and Czechoslovakia), which do not easen the process of the attachment referred to above. Besides, the principal Powers have their own special designs, viewed with anxiety or apprehension by Germany. The Western Powers have failed to consolidate an advantage they had due to a German antagonism to the Soviet Union, on account of their conflicting ideas and a weakness in their policy as compared with the closer and concentrated one of the Soviet Union. Germans themselves are to-day more objects than subjects of policy. In Eastern Germany, the Soviet Union has developed an unified organization and devoted good attention to the growth of a party (the Socialist Unity Party) assuring it good support. With the creation of a centralised government in Eastern Germany on the top of these, the Soviet Union thinks, it will be able to push effectively propaganda to other parts of Germany or in any case better integrate the eastern part of Germany, to it. The Soviet Union has this week further tightened the regulations for entry and exist between Berlin and Western Germany. The Moscow daily "Prawda" has published a report strongly and pointedly criticising the conditions described as prevailing in the American and British zones As factors of aid to the Soviet Union undoubtedly stand the distress and even more the despair in Germany. "Democratic education" of the Western Powers has remained a sorry farce and a miserable failure. The morale of the Germans is down but the people are not docile. The will to survive remains strong. Misery is great and outlook bleak It is estimated that there are near to a million children of the occupation forces

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TETE-A-TETE

WITHOUT COMMENT—

"It should not be difficult for far seeing statesmanship to bring humanity out of the growing darkness and fear but whether it will be achieved or not depends on some imponderable and incalculable factors"
—Mr. Asaf Ali

* * *

Belgaum Under the Goonda Act nine Congress workers in this district (one from Someadatti and eight from Munoli) have been externed from the Belgaum District.—A.P.I.

Good heavens!

We most anxiously urge on Mr. Kher and Mr. Morarji Desai to take full explanatory and protective precautions before they visit Belgaum next.

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Nawab Mohammad Ismail Khan, the eminent U. P. Leader (therefore, not to be confounded with Madras Mohammad Ismail Sahib Bahadur) is organising a Peace Mission to work in Pakistan.

Admirable idea, yes. But what is more urgent is that Nawab Ismail Khan should organise a Mission for Hyderabad—a Medical Mission.

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A New Delhi despatch reports that Mr. N. Gopalaswamy Ayyangar, leader of the (Kashmir) Indian delegation to U.N.O. and other members will return home sometime next week.

It is to be earnestly hoped that Dr. Lopez doesn't cite this as a proof that he has got the deadlock moving.

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According to the United Press of America the new draft resolution on Kashmir, which the chairman's unofficial committee will submit to the Security Council today differs from the Chinese draft in some radical respects.

We knew it would. How else can the pendulous statesmanship of the Security Council prove itself?

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Categorically repudiating the U. N. Palestine Commission's charges, a British spokesman emphasises among other points that Britain refused progressive transfer of power because two authorities could not exist side by side.

Exactly. That is why India is opposed to the anti-Abdullah formula about Kashmir.

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Mr M. A. Jinnah, the Governor-General of Pakistan and Khan Abdul Ghaffar Khan had a ninety-minute talk at the Peshawar Government House on Thursday last.

We await with keen interest the next pronouncement warning the people against "mushroom organisations" (the People's Party) and the enemies of the Muslim League.

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The draft of the new Czech constitution is reported to declare, among other things, that "the State guarantees all its citizens, men and women personal Freedom and Freedom of expression

All that the citizens need to do to exercise personal Freedom and Freedom of expression is to dare to do it.

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There is also, we gather, a guarantee of "the Freedom of the Press", but a special law will decide who shall be allowed to publish newspapers and under what conditions.

What could be a better guarantee of that guarantee?

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Signor Carlo Pajatta, an Italian communist leader has pledged the Communist Party's determination to respect the law and co-operate in Government no matter who wins the election next Sunday

That may be regarded as a sort of reliable Sunday's race tip straight from the-er-other horse's mouth.

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The lady secretary, who has denounced an American journalist and broadcaster in "Irresistible" as a U. S. spy in Moscow says that she regards war as the greatest calamity for humanity and adds "the capitalists are preparing a new war".

That explains the lady

Charcoal Prices

Sir,—The controls on a number of commodities have been removed one after another. The effect of this decontrol has been that the prices of almost every decontrolled article has gone down, except that of charcoal The control price of charcoal was Rs. 1/10 per quarter just before decontrol. After decontrol, the price has steadily risen and today it is Rs. 2 per quarter. On enquiry, the Merchants attribute this to a 50 per cent increase in freight rates that the railways, charge on charcoal. Charcoal is as necessary a commodity as salt or any other and it is equally necessary to the rich and the poor alike. It falls one's comprehension why, of all things, the freight rates on charcoal should have been increased at this juncture. If the matters are as stated, it is fit case for bodies like Indian Merchants Chamber and the like to investigate into and seek redress by proper representations in the matter. May I request such public bodies through the medium of your paper to take up this matter and bring solace to the homes of so many poor people who must be extremely hard hit by such abnormal prices of such an essential commodity like charcoal.—Yours etc

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Precautions Against Red Coup In Italy

333,000 Armed Police And Troops Standing By To Maintain Law And Order

ROME, April 16, (Reuter): With 330,000 armed police and troops stand-by, wing leaders today whipped up the fing leaders today whipped up the fervour of their supporters in the closing hours of the Italian election campaign, ending at midnight tonight.

Voting is on Sunday.

Mobile Carabinieri were given orders to make a show of strength in densely populated areas, in the interests of law and order.

Spectacular rises on the Italian Stock Exchange today were interpreted as showing confidence in anti-Communist parties while a newspaper poll here emphasised the same trend.

Premier Alcide de Gasperi as Christian Democrat leader was flying from Sicily to Naples to make his final speech, while Signor Palmiro Togliatti, the Communist leader, travelled from Naples to Rome to speak in the Piaza Giovanna, near the Colosseum.

COMMUNIST CLAIMS

The propaganda in Milan and northern Italy has grown yet more sensational.

One of the latest Communist declarations says the Premier has sent Fascist agents to Trieste to try to stir up civil war, so as to cover his failure to win the elections by democratic means.

The Communists also claim that British and American troops are parading daily in Trieste to support Signor de Gasperi, and that yesterday at such a parade Christian Democrat and MSI (Movimento Socialo Italiano-Neo-Fascist) delegates were at the saluting point with the British Commander.

Another Communist suggestion is that the ex-King and Queen will vote in the elections and give their votes to the "Third Force" Saragat Socialists.

This, they say, proves that Saragat Socialists are as rightwing as the MSI and Christian Democrats.

CONFIDENCE IN BUSINESS CIRCLES

Stock exchange prices today reflected strong confidence in financial and business circles that anti-Communist forces will triumph on Sunday.

Betting on electoral results in the independent newspaper Il Tempos "electoral sweepstake" today showed the Christian Democrats with 228 seats, the Popular Front 166 and the moderate Socialists of Saragat and Lombardo 42.

By Monday evening first results will begin to come out, but final official results will only be made known late on Tuesday or on Wednesday.

PRECAUTIONS AGAINST POSSIBLE RED COUP

The "U.P.A." adds:—

De Gasperi has ordered some top officials to take up lodging in the Government palace, Viminale, on election eve where all official accounts of the election will originate. He told other ministers to spend their time in Rome beginning Saturday, except to visit their home districts to vote. He explained he wanted a quorum present for emergency action any time during the election period.

These unprecedented precautions were taken against any possible communist "coup-d'etat" 48 hours before Italians start voting at the polls.

COMMUNIST CHARGE AGAINST ITALIAN GOVT.

The Communist Front, in an eleventh-hour attempt to swing Sunday's Italian elections, charged today that Premier de Gasperi's Government has secretly joined the military alliance of the Western European nations.

AMERICANS IN MOSCOW

Colony Cut Off From All But Official Contacts

WASHINGTON, April 16. (UPA): The small colony of 164 Americans in Moscow have been virtually cut off in recent months from all but official contacts with Russian citizens, it was disclosed today.

Diplomatic officials also reported that many Russians once employed as translators and clerks at the United States Embassy have quit without explanation. Russians, who were formerly friendly with Americans in Moscow, have become aloof apparently under official orders.

Officials here said the trend was detected about a year ago when stringent Soviet security regulations were put into effect.

United States Ambassador Lt.-Gen. Walter Bedell Smith openly acknowledged the change in the Soviet attitude for the first time today in a message to the State Department. He said, "there are few Americans here and during recent months, through no desire of our own, our contacts with Soviet citizens have been limited purely to official relations".

Smith's dispatch labelled as "false" the allegations made against Robert Magidoff, United States National Broadcasting Company correspondent, whose United States born secretary, now a Soviet citizen, accused him of espionage against the Soviet Union.

RUSSIA REMOVES SOME TRAVEL RESTRICTIONS

VIENNA, April 16. (Reuter): Russia today removed some of the new travel restrictions imposed on occupation personnel travelling between Vienna and the British zone of Austria. The British maw now continue their previous practice of using only the grey pass and not producing photographed identity cards when passing the Semmering demarcation line.

REWA RULER'S ESCAPE

Gives Slip To Delhi Police: But Contacted In Temple In State

NEW DELHI April 16. (A.P.I.): The ex-Maharaja of Rewa who had been interned in a New Delhi hotel since last month left for Rewa without the knowledge of the police, it is leart here.

Later inquiries reveal that he left New Delhi on the morning of April 13 and returned to Rewa where he is now staying at Lakshmanbag Temple. The Superintendent of Police, New Delhi contacted him at Rewa yesterday.

The ex-Maharaja, it may be recalled, was taken into custody on March 19 by the Delhi police at Allahabad and was placed under restraint here for reasons concerning "relations with the acceding States".

National Cadet Corps

Plans To Speed Up Training And Equipment

NEW DELHI, April 16. (A.P.I.): To implement the Government's decision for the formation of National Cadet Corps, a Directorate of National Cadet Corps under Col. G. G. Bewoor with a picked military staff, has been formed under the Ministry of Defence. The Directorate is speeding up arrangements and the corps will begin functioning early in the coming academic year.

The long summer vacation for colleges and schools is being taken advantage of for training instructors for the senior and junior divisions. The immediate strength of the senior division will be 15,000 and of the junior division 30,000.

The corps will be officered by selected members of the staff of colleges and schools. The nucleus of officers, junior commissioned officers and N.C.O.s will also be provided to train the senior division. Those selected from members of the staff of the universities will be granted commissions in the newly formed territorial force. The junior division will be officered by members of the staff of schools alone. Recruitment to the corps will be entirely voluntary. Cadets will be given travelling expenses and free rations or allowances in lieu while attending training camps or courses.

Steps are being taken to obtain equipment and clothing for the cadets. In order to ensure uniform standard of training, discipline etc. and the national character of the corps, the Government of India will exercise general control over the corps, but it is expected that there will be a substantial delegation of powers to provincial Governments, particularly in respect of the Junior Division.

Jews Win First Phase In Battle Of Roads

Tel Aviv Highway Opened Up: Arab Villages Captured

JERUSALEM, April 16. (Reuter): In bitter fighting Jewish forces today won the first phase in their battle to smash the Arab grip on Palestine's roads by driving the Arabs from position commanding the main Jerusalem to Tel Aviv highway.

The Jewish forces in action throughout Palestine, estimated at some 10,000 first line fighters, have for a week now been battling to break this Arab communication's stranglehold and their co-ordinated attacks in the centre and north have also had considerable success.

Seizing the initiative to-day they occupied hills around the Arab village of Saris, eight miles west of Jerusalem, in a push to re-open westwards their convoy route to Tel Aviv.

Jews and Arabs were to-day also gripped in stiff battle further north for seven Arab villages on the Biblical plain of Armageddon, where aircraft and field artillery were in action.

The situation at the big Jewish settlement of Mishmar Haemak—16 miles south-east of Haifa on the main road running south through the plain of Armageddon—was extremely vague due to the breakdown of communications. Indications were, however, that the Arabs have been driven back from the settlement and positions are fluid.

ARAB VILLAGES CAPTURED.

The Jews claim to have captured Arab villages and a battery of field guns and to have driven the gunners out of range of Mishmar Haemek, but the Arabs say they dominate the situation.

Although the fighting round Mishmar looked like the beginning of a major battle, so far casualties are believed to have been comparatively low.

Jewish forces were to-day assaulting an Arab village 10 miles west of Jerusalem—at Babelwad near "ambush alley,"—amid wrecks of mined, bombed and shot up Jewish convoys which have tried to run the gauntlet through the Judean hills.

ARAB ARMIES TO ENTER PALESTINE AFTER MAY 15.

CAIRO, April 16. (U.P.A.): Well-informed Arab League sources said to-day the League Political Committee had definitely decided that Arab regular armies would enter Palestine when the British surrender the mandate May 15.

They said no regular forces will enter the Holy Land before that date, but the Political Committee will remain in constant session in Cairo to deal with any developments either in Palestine or the United Nations.

These sources said the Committee's attention had been drawn to reports that King Abdullah of Transjordan planned to annex a part of Palestine after May 15. They said it was understood Arab Commander-in-Chief Ismail Safwat Pasha has arrived in Amman with instructions to obtain a definite pledge from Abdullah that Transjordan forces will evacuate Palestine after its liberation.

UNITED NATIONS CALL TO ARABS AND JEWS

PLUSHING MEADOWS, April 16 (Reuter). Senor Carlos Muniz (Brazil), declaring open the special session of the United Nations General Assembly to consider further action on Palestine, said today that only total suspension of hostilities in the Holy Land could create the favourable atmosphere which would enable the Assembly to find a solution.

He added, "In addressing this appeal to Arabs and Jews with the earnest request that they do everything in their power to protect the City of Jerusalem, I am sure that I express the most profoundly felt desires not only of the Assembly but of the entire World.

Doctor Jose Arce (Argentina) was elected President of the session. The voting was: Doctor Arce—31; Mr. J. S. Tsiang (China)—18, Sir Carl Berendsen (New Zealand)—2.

At the head of the Indian delegation sat Sir Girja Shankar Bajpai, who arrived recently from India to join the Indian delegation on the Kashmir debate before the Security Council.

PLANES FOR JEWISH AIRFORCE?

11 Airmen Detained After Forced Landing On Rhodes

ATHENS, April 16. (Reuter): Eleven airmen were under "house arrest" today on the Grecian island of Rhodes while the Greek Government investigated the circumstances in which their four aircraft landed there because of fuel shortage.

The pilots were quoted as saying the planes were being delivered to Australian pilots in Singapore "to be used for spraying crops".

An earlier report from a British official on Rhodes said the chief pilot was a Jew with an American passport, and this gave credence to reports that the planes were intended for the Jewish Air Force in Palestine.

Seven of the airmen claimed United States citizenship, three said they were British subjects and the remaining one Palestinian.

The planes were said to be of British manufacture, but to have American markings. One had Australian flag printed on the tail and nose.

FIERCE BATTLE FOR WEI HSIEN

SHANGHAI, April 16, (Reuter): One of the fiercest battles of China's civil war was raging today at the railway stronghold of Wei Hsien in Shantung Province, where the heavily-outnumbered Government garrison are disputing every yard of the Communist advance into the city.

All reports admit that in spite of heroic Nationalist resistance, the fall of Wei Hsien is only a matter of time, and so far there is no news of any reinforcements being rushed to the city's aid.

Communist forces which reached the outskirts of the important railway junction town of Chengchow, in northern Honan, have been driven off. They were last reported regrouping in mountains 100 miles to the south-west.

Further north General Fu Tso Yis has scored a notable success with the capture of Hokien, 40 miles south-east of Paoting (on the Pekin-Hankow Railway) and Tacheng, 50 miles south-west of Tientsin.

CHIANG TO BE FIRST PRESIDENT

NANKING, April 16 (Reuter): Generalissimo Chiang kai-Shek was today nominated by more than 2,000 delegates at the National Assembly as a candidate or China's first constitutional President in spite of his recent announcement that he would not run for the post.

The election will take place on Monday.

The Generalissimo, while still reluctant to accept the Presidency, stated that he would only do so on condition that Dr. Hu Shih, former Chinese Ambassador in Washington becomes Premier.

SOVIET RED BANNER DOWN!

BERLIN, April 16. (Reuter): For the first time since the Four-Power Government was started, in Berlin, the Soviet red banner was not flying outside the Allied control authority building to-day.

"It had no significance", the American door guard said, adding, "the rope broke".

Industrial Truce Plans

NEW DELHI, April 16, (API): The question of implementing the industrial truce resolution passed by the Industries Conference last December was taken up today by the Standing Labour Committee at its meeting here today. Mr. Gulzarilal Nanda, Labour Minister, Bombay, was in the chair.

Proposals for setting up a machinery for the study and determination of fair wages, conditions of labour and fair remuneration for capital were put before the Committee by the Central Government in the form of a memorandum.

Mountbatten To Leave India In 9 Weeks

LONDON, April 16 (Reuter): Earl Mountbatten fully intends to relinquish the Governor-Generalship of India in nine weeks' time, according to authoritative London quarters which tonight described as without foundation reports suggesting that he may stay on until towards the end of this year.

Nothing is known so far of Lord Mountbatten's future plans, except that he will be back in England in June to attend the Burma Rally at the Albert Hall. London, on June 25 and the re-union of SEAC of which he was Supreme Commander during the war, on June 28.

ACCEDE OR SUBMIT TO PLEBISCITE

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of our land. It must not fail us in Hyderabad".

ORISSA MUSLIMS' CALL

CUTTACK April 16 (U.P.I): "By conceding the wishes of the majority of his people the Nizam will do great service to the Islamic principle of democracy and the same to his dynasty and his constitutional rulership. On the other hand by continuing to be in the clutches of reactionary leaders of the Ittehad-ul-Muslimeen, he is not only losing his prestige but also endangering his exalted position", says a joint statement issued to the United Press of India by prominent Muslim leaders of Orissa including Mr. Mohammad Latifur Rahman, M.L.A., Maulana Attahar, Mohmmad Hanif, Maulana Shakur and Syed Anwarul Haque.

The statement says:—"We have watched the activities of the Ittehad-ul-Muslimeen in Hyderabad. It appears that the leaders of this organisation are taking advantage of the ingnorance of the Muslim masses there and they want to exploit them to suit the selfish ends as did the Pakistani Muslims at the cost of Indian Muslims. The manner in which they are working up the communal frenzy will inevitably lead to the downfall of the Asaf-Jahi Dynasty, the last prestige of the Muslim rule in India. It is clear that the Nizam is in the clutches of the leaders of the Ittehad-ul-Muslimeen. He will, therefore, meet the same fate as the weak rulers of the past who succumbed to the British.

"The Nizam should be strong and imulate the example of the British who conceded the Indian demand without serious fight. This increased the British prestige and this should be an eye-opener to the Nizam. He must realise that even the mightiest army will collapse before the onslaught of the popular will."

Referring to the appeal to the Ittehad-ul-Muslimeen leader, Mr. Kasim Razvi, for help from the Indian Muslims the statement says: "Mr. Razvi must realise that we have come to regard the Indian Union as our motherland. No amount of temptations will deter us from the path we choose. We have seen dangerous consequences of communal frenzy and are not going to be hoodwinked any more. If the Muslims of Hyderabad expect any suport from the Indian Union Muslims they must be in a fool's paradise. On the contrary, we will resist any direct or indirect attempt on their part to enlist the sympathy and support of the Indian Muslims."

Concluding the statement says, "As brothers in faith, we appeal to the Muslims of Hyderabad to be true to the Islamic principle of democracy and to have faith in the majority. We warn them that communalism has never paid and will never pay."

RAZAKAR AGENT IN JUNAGADH

Govt. Peon Arrested For Giving Secret Informations

JUNAGADH, April 15 (A.P.I.): A former peon at the Junagadh Secretariat during the Nawab's regime was arrested this morning under the Public Security Measures Act.

The arrest was sequel to unearthing last evening by Lieut. Baxi, Military Intelligence Liaison Officer stationed at Junagadh, of what is stated to be "secret communication between the peon and the Razakars in Hyderabad". It is alleged that the peon was communicating with the Razakars, giving them information about the "disposition of troops in Junagadh, and also giving false and exaggerated reports about the situation in Junagadh State."

The peon's house was searched and ammunition was recovered, it is learnt.

ANDHRAS ACCEPT RAZVI'S CHALLENGE

BEZWADA, April 16 (A.P.I.): Prof. N. G. Ranga, Member, Congress Working Committee and President of the Andhra Provincial Congress Committee, today ridiculed the Ittehad President Syed Kashim Razvi's claim to Berar and the Ceded Districts and Masulipatam Port in Madras Province.

Addressing a public meeting on "Razakars Day" in Hyderabad, Mr. Razvi had exhorted his men not to rest content till they reconquered all the lost territories of the Nizam and saw the waters of the Bay of Bengal "wash the feet of their sovereign."

Prof. Ranga who was commenting on this said in a statement today: "The Andhras are quite prepared to accept the challenge of the Razakars and their leader. I think it is useless to expect the Nizam to control this Fascist organisation and its miniature Hitler."

Appealing to the Andhra public not to give way to any sense of panic or frustration, Prof. Ranga asked, "Does the fanatical minority in Hyderabad, which is thirsting for the blood of non-Muslim masses, remember that the two crores of Andhras, one and a half crores of non-Muslims within the Hyderabad State and half a crore of Beraris can be expected not only to save themselves from "Razvism" but also deal with it?"

Prof. anga said he intended to tour the Madras-Hyderabad border to see personally the conditions obtaining there before he discusses the question with his colleagues in the Working Committee and the Government of India.

Plan For Three-Pronged Attack On Indian Union

SHOLAPUR, (By Mail) (IPA): A tour through the villages of Hyderabad where Ittehad's Razakar's have left deep scars of their marauding activities makes one think of what the hordes of Ghenziz Khan must have done centuries ago to our fair and peaceful country.

The impression that I have gained is that His Exalted Highness the Nizam is exhalted no more. His rule is fast disappearing. Instead the Ittehad-ul-Musslimeen rule Hyderabad despotically. The present Ministry is a ministry only in name. "The Ittehad chieftain, Razvi, has them all under his thumb. They are only there to carry the Ittehad's wishes. However, it would not be correct to say that whole Hyderabad supports Ittehad. Every decent, cultured and distinguished Muslim whom I met described Razvi as a "veritable goonda". But they can do nothing in the matter for fear of their lives.

I was also able to contact and talk with a few high-ups in the Ittehad organization. Their arrogance and confidence in their might overbounds that of Hitler or Mussolini. They apparently live in a midsummer-night-dream. They talk of forcing the Hindu population out of Hyderabad and make it a strong Muslim State and then in conjunction with Pakistan, with whom they boast of constant contact and co-operation, bring India to her knees. Their programme was evident from their talk. At an opportune moment make a three-pronged attack on India: invade Berar, make a dash through the 100 mile corridor to Goa, and fan the Razakar armies into Northern Circars. They boasted that specially in Goa they would be welcomed by the Portuguese and a considerable part of population. They also assure that their attack on India will be simultaneous with a march of Pakistan armies on Delhi. The time for all these operations is when, according to their fantastic expectation the Union Government will collapse in course of two months. In the meantime they want time to perfect their machinations and Sir Walter Monckton, they are sure, is gaining for them this time by his constitutional intricacies.

'Indian Papers Fake News', Says Razvi

HYDERABAD, April 15 (IPA): Mr. Syed Kasim Razvi, President of the Majlis Ittehad-ul-Mussalmeen has issued the following statement:

"Even after my categorical contradiction of my speech alleged to have been delivered by me on March 31 Indian papers and some Union officials continue to persist in pouring in same faked up news about my speech. All this is being done with a set purpose and with an ulterior motive to help the Indian Union in its designs on Hyderabad. That is proved by the fabrication of a speech alleged to have been delivered by me. But all these attempts would go in vain and they would not achieve their purpose."

Before he enplaned for Hyderabad Mr. K. M. Munshi, India's Agent-General approached by Indian Press Association's Political Correspondent in Bombay for a comment on Mr. Kassim Razvi's accusation in his previous statement that "Mr. Munshi has fabricated his (Kasim's) speech" Mr. Munshi said: "It is fantastic lie."

NO IMMEDIATE SEVERANCE WITH BRITAIN

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I am unable to say. Whatever be the case, there is not the slightest doubt that it is a completely erroneous statement and quite contrary to the facts as they are.

STATUTE OF WESTMINSTER.

Those who have studied the Statute of Westminster will know that it conferred what is called Dominion Status on six colonies (1) Canada, (2) Australia, (3) New Zealand, (4) South Africa, (5) Irish Free State and (6) New Foundland. By the same Statute, the colonies called Dominions obtained the power to alter their own Constitutions. Canada, Australia and New Zealand refused to accept the power to alter their own Constitution except in accordance with the provisions contained in their Constitutions and this fact has been set out in sections seven and eight of the Statute of Westminster. New Foundland later on surrendered its status as a Dominion and reverted to the position of a colony.

SOUTH AFRICA AND IRELAND

The only two Dominions which got the powers to amend their Constitution under the Statute of Westminster are Ireland and South Africa. Both of them exercised this power and asked their respective Parliaments to pass Statutes defining their status, South Africa by the Status of the Union Act 1934 and Ireland by her new Constitution framed in 1937. In neither of these Acts the word "Republic" occurs. On the other hand the words used in the South African Act are "Sovereign Independent State" and those used in the Irish Act are "Sovereign Independent State". I have taken these very words which occur in the South African and Irish Constitution for my amendment. I may add that it is the existence of these words in then Constitutions which have enabled courts to hold that South Africa and Ireland are still members of the British Commonwealth.

From this it will be seen that the status of "Sovereign Independent State" is not incompatible with membership of the Commonwealth. But the status of a Republic is, for the simple reason that allegiance to a common King is the only link that holds the members of the Commonwealth, incompatible with the allegiance to a King and has, therefore the effect of terminating straightway India's membership of the Commonwealth."

Textile Price Control?

NEW DELHI, April 16 (API).—It is understood that Government of India feels that the agreement between Government and the representatives of the textile industry to keep down textile prices so as to benefit consumers has not proved successful and therefore Government are now considering what steps they should take to meet the situation. The matter is being discussed at Cabinet level and a decision may be announced within the next few days.

PRESS TRUST MEETING IN NEW DELHI

NEW DELHI, April 16. (A.P.I.): A meeting between the Ministry of Information and Broadcasting and the directors of the Press Trust of India will be held in Room No. 101, First Floor, North Bloc, Central Secretariat at 10 a.m. on April 19, and a meeting of the Newsprint Advisory Committee will be held on the same day at 4-30 p.m. (instead of 11 a.m. as previously announced) at Jaisalmere House, 5, Mansingh Road, New Delhi, the Minister for Industry and Supply presiding.

British Note To Russia

LONDON, April 16 (Reuter): Foreign Minister Ernest Bevin accused Russia in a Note delivered to the Soviet Embassy here today of avoiding the issue over the three-power proposal that Trieste should be returned to Italy by raising questions of procedure.

The Note, copies of which have been sent to Italy and Yugoslavia, asked the Soviet Government for its view on what procedure should be used to settle the Trieste question.

LISBON ENVOY MEETS KRISHNA MENON

LONDON, April 16. (UPI): The Portuguese Ambassador in London, Duke of Palemella, called at the India House yesterday and held a long and friendly conversation with Indian High Commissioner, Mr. Krishna Menon.

Church Of England Blesses Atomic War!

LONDON, April 16. (Reuter): A Church of England Commission appointed to define the attitude of the Church to modern war has reported in favour of preparations for atomic resistance to atomic aggression.

If one nation began hostilities against another by launching an attack with atomic weapons upon its principal cities, the report said, the only hope of effective defence would lie in bringing overwhelming force to bear upon the enemy immediately. Therefore, "it seems that the use of atomic weapons would be genuinely necessary".

"Whatever damage and casualties were inflicted in so doing could rightly be regarded as incidental to self-defence", the report added.

CEMENT FACTORY IN BAGALKOT

Bombay Govt Sanction Tendulkar's Scheme

BOMBAY, April 16 (A.P.I.): The Government of Bombay have sanctioned the proposals of Dr. A. G. Tendulkar for the establishment of a cement factory at Bagalkot in Bijapur district.

The proposed factory is said to be of 100,000 ton capacity.

The Government have decided to guarantee 3 percent minimum dividend on the entire one-crore share capital of the proposed factory for a period of first five yeads, exercising control over the affairs of the Corporation, through three of its directors on the Board.

INDIAN TROOPS CAPTURE RAIDER-HELD FEATURE

JAMMU, April 16 (A.P.I.): Indian Army patrols, after inflicting casualties on the raiders and seizing light machine guns captured a raider-held feature in the Mahura area.

Reports received here indicate that raiders are moving in further reinforcements to Mirpur across the Pakistan border.

Aircraft of the Royal Indian Air Force carried out reconnaissance, hitting targets indicated by our ground troops.

Indian Army patrols have been active in other sectors.

Together with the consolidation of the positions captured by Indian troops in Rajaori, rehabilitation of the local population, who had fled to the jungle and other hideouts during the period the raiders were in occupation and who are now returning to their homes, is in progress.

Civil officials and medical men with medicines and other essential supplies have been sent to Rajaori.

The Boy In The Box On Top of The World

A thrilling account of a visit Earl Denman paid to the Rongbuk lamasery, which lies 15,000 feet above sea level just below the sheer north face of Mount Everest. The head of the lamasery—considered to be one of the holiest in Tibet—is a seven-year old boy! Don't miss this exclusive illustrated feature in the next "Bombay Chronicle Weekly".

Saved 18 Minutes Before Death!

Are you reading our stranger-than-Fiction Crime Series? The latest story tells how a woman attorney of New York established the innocence of a condemned man just 18 minutes before he was due to be sent to the electric chair.

Our New Beauty Columnist

Next Sunday we introduce to you Starlet Elizabeth Taylor, who is specially writing for us a series of beauty hints from Hollywood.

These are only a few of the many interesting features in our next issue.

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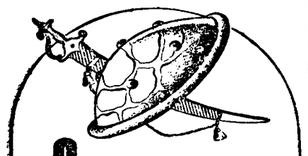
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Current Photoplays

Minerva
REQUIRED—SPRING-CLEANING
It seems almost futile to try to cram into the heads of film publicity departments the necessity of submitting to the Press adequate advance reports of fresh releases.
Habib Pictures' RAHNUMA, which had its premiere only yesterday, is announced in the 'blurb' as suggesting a moral which proves the triumph of virtue over vice." Other worn-out clichés fill the advance report, whose most important requirement, an idea of the theme and the plot, is entirely omitted.
Gita Nizami is the star of the picture with Anjum and Majjid in support. The direction is by Habib Sarhadi.

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New West End
BIOGRAPHICAL PHOTOPLAY
A tiny sparkle of the old glory that was Shantaram's, is reflected in his latest—MATWALA SHAIR RAMJOSHI.
A stickler for fine story material, the producer has hit upon a tale full of possibilities many of which have, alas, been over-dramatised, thus losing every vestige of subtlety.
The main character, the poet Ramjoshi, a shining light in Maharashtrian literature, dominates the action. His rise from utter obscurity to fame as a poet fiercely opposed to orthodoxy, is finely drawn, as also the loss of the man's soul when he succumbs to drink at the cost of his poetry and his friendships. His sudden redemption, following the usual practice on our screen, is in the nature of an anti-climax.
In the Hindi film, the title role is enacted by Manmohan, while the Marathi version depict Jairam Shiladar in the same part. The songs by Narendra and Niranjan have been set to music by Vasant Desai.

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Majestic
HOARY FORMULA
Melodrama, of the good old-fashioned variety, comes into its own with Jeevan Pictures' ARSI, starring Al Nasir and Meena.
The plot is like a patchwork quilt of age-old situations pieced together. We encounter the familiar figures of the village belle so coy and sweet, the zamindar bad and bold and his son, a love-sick Romeo complications there are by the score, beginning by the father and son being rivals in love.
Death conveniently removes the old lecher from the scene, but the path of true love is by no means smoothed out, for the son's romance is now hindered by his sister who is an adept at the gentle art of gossip.
The melodrama heightens with each succeeding situation, till finally it is lulled to rest with the usual tame ending. Al Nasir and Meena are an attractive enough couple. Ajmal, Cuckoo and Asha Posley play featured roles.

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Krishna
CAPITAL V. LABOUR AGAIN
In a world dominated by class-conflict, it is only natural that facets of it should be reflected in films. The pity of it, however, is that on our screen every such film is a carbon copy of New Theatres "Hamrahi". Rakaish Pictures' ZANJEER falls into this category.
As you have probably guessed, the romantic interest is between two youthful members of opposing camps.
Begum Para provides some more of her IT as the heroine. K. N. Singh, Balwant Singh and Jagdish Sethi are in support. The comedy is provided by the rotund Gope—which means it is of the slapstick variety.

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Royal Opera House
LAVISH HISTORICAL
One cannot vouch for the historical accuracy of K. S. Lall's SAMRAT ASHOK, but this screen story of the great emperor certainly has its points.
Ashok is not depicted merely in flattering colours. We see him first as a conqueror who invests himself with glory to the detriment of his spirit. Gloating over the ruins of Kalinga, he sees the Light when a Buddhist girl draws his attention to the futility of destruction. The transition from violence to 'ahimsa', is thus brought about.
The effeminate Sapru is scarcely the ideal actor to portray so great a figure as Ashok. Veena, Shamim, Ulhas and Shakir form the star studded cast.
As usual in costume pictures, the settings are sumptuous and the tinsel paraphernalia is well-nigh overwhelming, serving to make mere pigmies of the character. Despite these outward clutterings, the Buddhist creed of love for the humblest form of life, makes itself felt.

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"SARDI"
REVIEWS
OUR SCREEN

VISWADEEP BAPU
An interesting three-reel short accompanies the main attraction at the Royal Opera House.
"Viswadeep Bapu" or "Light of the World," is how this documentary film on the life and work of Gandhi, has been appropriately titled.
Produced by Tarachand Barjatya and directed by Dwarka Khosla, the film flashes various phases in the life of the great Crusader. Many of the scenes have been taken in the very spots that stand out as milestones in the history of Indian emancipation from foreign rule, connected as these places are with many of Gandhi's activities.
Porbunder, the birthplace of the Leader, is first shown, after which we see glimpses of his maiden trip to England as a student, his sojourn in South Africa, the establishment of the Sabarmati Ashram, the famous Dandee March and the '42 Quit-India movement. Noakhali and Bihar follow. The film ends with Gandhi's martyrdom at Delhi.
Nilkanth Tiwari's commentary is sincere and delivered movingly by Raj Mehra.

Karan Diwan and Meena in an intimate scene from Ranjit's forthcoming "Piya, Ghar Aja."

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KHER ON DIGNITY OF LABOUR

Commends Art Of Tanning And Leather Work To Village Children

BOMBAY, April 16. (A.P.I): "I have again to repeat what I have been telling you for last 20 years that it is not what a man does that is mean or low, it is only the bad or immoral act that is mean or low. Unless we learn the dignity of labour and yoke our energies to the work of utilising the enormous wealth that lies dormant in things, we wrongly consider low and mean, we shall never discard our poverty, observed Mr. B. G. Kher, Premier of Bombay, inaugurating the annual social gathering of the Kherwadi School for Tanning at Bandra, yesterday Diwan Bahadur Krishnlal M. Jhaveri, presided.

The Premier was welcomed by Mr. Sutaria, President of the Bandra Municipality.

Expressing his satisfaction at the progress made by the school, the Premier urged the public of the village to send their children to the school to learn the art of tanning and leather work. He instanced his own son's example who after working in the Kherwadi School for about two years had now been studying further in a London school.

Addressing the women assembled on the occasion, the Premier advised them to discard purdah and work shoulder to shoulder with men-folk for the good of their own village.

A sum of Rs. 1,025 was handed over to the Premier on behalf of Kherwadi village to utilise it in a fitting manner in memory of the late Mr. Sarvottam Kini, who had worked among the people till his last breath. Mr. Kher, contributed Rs. 100 and promised to utilise the fund in best manner, for the education of the children of the village.

A. I. C. C. Committee Meetings

A meeting of the Finance Committee will be held today (Saturday) at 4 p.m. at the Congress House.
Conveyance Committee will meet today (Saturday) at the Congress House at 6-30 p.m.
The Pandal Construction Committee will meet at the Gandhi Nagar, Gandhi Maidan, tomorrow morning at 9-30.
A meeting of the Kendra Naiks of Congress Seva Dal and other volunteer corps will be held tomorrow (Sunday) at 8 in the morning at the Congress House to plan out volunteer arrangements in the ensuing A.-I. C. C. Session.

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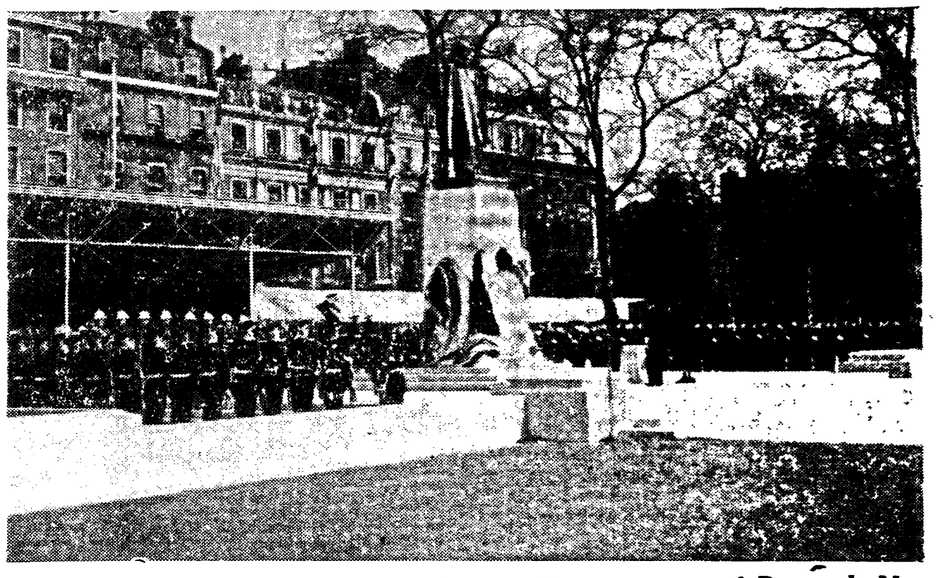
British Royal family was present at the unveiling ceremony of Roosevelt Memorial in Grosvenor Square, London.

Liquidation Of Slums And Imparting Basic Education

BOMBAY, Friday.
Messrs. Narsingrao C. Pupala and R. V. Tulla, both members of the Congress party in the Corporation, were elected Chairmen of the Improvements Committee and of the Schools Committee respectively at the first meeting of the two committees held this afternoon.

Mr. V. R. Tulla, Chairman, Bombay Municipal Schools Committee for 1948-'49.

The two new chairmen made speeches setting themselves goals which they earnestly hoped they would attain during the next 12 months with the goodwill and co-operation of their committees. These goals included liquidation of slums and provision of houses to the houseless and imparting of an all round education on sound and scientific lines to children of school going age in the city.

BASIC EDUCATION
Mr. R. V. Tulla, the new chairman of the Schools Committee, likewise made a speech defining the goals which the Committee might achieve during the next twelve months. These included starting of schools for basic education as well as industrial schools for teaching technical subjects.
The next meeting of the Improvements Committee and of the Schools Committee will be held on next Tuesday and Wednesday respectively at 3 p.m.

Mr. N. C. Pupala who was elected Chairman of the Improvements Committee of the Bombay Corporation for 1948-'49.

NO PERMITS REQUIRED FOR OIL ENGINES
The Government of Bombay has cancelled with effect from April 16, 1948, its previous orders regarding the freezig and declaration of stocks of oil engines having a horse power of 5 to 60. No permits are now necessary for sale of such engines.
The Oil Engines (Control of Prices) Order, 1948, has not however been cancelled and continues to remain in force.

HOME FOR REFUGEE WOMEN

BOMBAY, April 16, (PPI): The military authorities, it is learnt, have sanctioned a sum of Rs. 40,000 for effecting repairs to the Kurla Camp barracks near Ghatkoper where the Government of India, in the Ministry of Relief and Rehabilitation, has opened Nari Seva Sadhan, home for refugee widows and unattached women and their children. To start with, the Government have made provision for 3,000 women in the home and have agreed to bear expenses for one year.
The home will be run by a committee of three women workers under Mrs. Kikiben Lalvani, sister of Acharya J. B. Kripalani, who has been appointed Regional Organiser for the purpose. Two other members are Mrs. Sushila Morarji and Deviben Sitaldas.
It is learnt that free food and clothing will be provided to the inmates of the home who will be made to work on cottage and other industries, to make the scheme self-supporting in due course of time.

TARIFF BOARD ENQUIRY CONCLUDES
BOMBAY, Friday
The Indian Tariff Board's public enquiry into the claims of the Pickers Industry for protection or assistance which opened in Bombay yesterday was concluded today. Representatives of the producers, importers and consumers were present.
Mr. G. L. Mehta, President of the Board, who opened the proceedings stressed the importance of small but vital accessories in the textile industry. He mentioned that the Tariff Board had already dealt with one accessory, namely, wire healds, and expected to take up shortly another textile accessory, namely, bobbins.
The Tariff Board's Report will be submitted to the Government of India in due course.

TRANSFER OF ARMS AND AMMUNITIONS IN KAIRA
The orders prohibiting the licence-holders in Kaira District from transferring arms and ammunitions amongst themselves are extended for a further period of 2 months from April 19, 1948.

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SMUGGLING OF COTTON TEXTILES INTO PAKISTAN

Transport Permits For W. Bengal And E. Punjab Abolished

BOMBAY, April 16. (A.P.I.): The Government of India have decided to discontinue with immediate effect the issue of permits for transport of cotton cloth for West Bengal and East Punjab, it authoritatively learnt here.

SMUGGLING CASES

The decision follows, it is stated, the anxiety of the authorities to stop widespread smuggling of cotton textiles from the borders of the Indian Dominion into Pakistan areas. Smuggling has been particularly rampant on the West Bengal border where regular trade is being carried on by organised groups. It is stated at Ranagat, the border railway station of the Indian Union, a boom town has sprung up recently, and the customs authorities have been finding it difficult to check crimes of smuggling, and prevent the resultant loss of revenue to Government.

NEEDY-PROVINCES LEFT OUT

It is stated that cotton textiles have been moving in great volume to these border provinces. Producers of textiles in Bombay, Ahmedabad and Sholapur are said to be over-anxious to send goods to these areas to the exclusion of needy provinces such as Orissa, and the Central Provinces.

Figures available in Bombay, show that more than the normal quotta allotted to these two pro- quota allotted to these two pro- the last few months, and the manufacturers have been able to derive as much as between 250 to 400 per cent premium on the value of goods. Against the target of 6,900 bales per month for West Bengal, nearly 52,000 bales (which is more than seven months quota) have been moved to that province and in the case of East Punjab against the target of 16,000 bales per month about 45,875 bales have been moved, during the period of February 15 to April 12.

GLARING INSTANCE

Official sources stated that this was a glaring instance of the "greed" of textile manufacturers who were ready to despatch goods to provinces from where smuggling was committed, ignoring the essential needs of other provinces. The province of Orissa which is in need of cotton cloth had received a very small quantity during this period. Out of a target of 5,800 bales per month, the province received during the month of March 41 bales from Bombay, 587 from Ahmedabad and 55 from Sholapur. Upto the 12th of this month, Orissa had received about 500 bales from Bombay and 11 from Ahmedabad.

It is learnt in Bombay, that the Central Board of Revenue had taken a serious view of the whole situation and contemplate effective steps to ensure that the smuggling of cotton cloth from Dominion borders is stopped.

CONTRABAND CLOTH TO PAKISTAN SEIZED

CALCUTTA, April 16. (U. P. I): The Calcutta police made a big haul of cotton yard and cloth bound for Pakistan, at the Calcutta Port. The consignment had been falsely declared as one of candles and was intended for Dacca. The police also effected three other similar haults of cotton cloth bound for Eastern Pakistan from Calcutta.

Four persons were taken into custody.

BERLIN CRASH INQUIRY

Br. Commission Completes Work: Soviet Accusation

BERLIN, April 16, (Reuter): The British Commission today completed its inquiries into the causes of the Viking-Yak air collision over Berlin on April 5 and will issue an official statement later.

SOVIET STAND

The Red army's German language newspaper "Tregliche rundschau" today accused the British members of the Anglo-Soviet Enquiry Commission on the Viking-Yaknair crash of "artificially wrecking the work of the joint commission because they feared the truth."

Today's report issued by the official Soviet news agency said that the Russian members would participate in the commission's work provided that "factual and documentary evidence" such as the position of the crashed planes, their instrument readings and log entries were examined before witnesses were heard.

If this procedure were accepted, the statement said that the Russian members would be prepared to hear witnesses regardless of their nationality—thus reversing their earlier attitude when they refused to hear other than British or Soviet witnesses.

SUCCESSFUL REMEDY FOR CHOLERA

LONDON, April 16, (Reuter): Successes in the treatment of Cholera by a new sulphonamide compound provisionally called "6257" are reported in today's British Medical Journal.

In field trials carried out by Dr. S. S. Bhatnagar in Madras last year 82 of 85 patients survived. The three who died were in the group of those most seriously ill.

"The improvement, even in 24 hours, appears to have been remarkable, 'the Journal said. "As a rule patients could be said to have recovered at the end of 72 hours.

"It would be rash to assert that a panacea for Cholera has been obtained. Nevertheless the results are so striking that they merit further investigation on the widest possible scale."

Armed Razakars Raid Kajle Village

SHOLAPUR, April 16. (API)—A report by official source from Kajle village in Barsi taluka, which is surrounded by the Nizam's territory, says that one policeman and six villagers have been killed by an armed party of Razakars who attempted to make an attack on the village.

Details of the attack are not yet available.

Youngest Grandmother?

MELBOURNE, (Reuter) : Mrs. Michael Rapa of Melbourne, Victoria, claims that at 30 she has become a grandmother at a younger age than anyone else in the British Empire.

Mrs. Rapa married when she was aged 13 years and 11 months and gave birth to a daughter 10½ months later. Her daughter married at 15 and a son was born to the daughter a year later.

Permanent Organisation To Set Europe On Her Feet

18 Signatories Including Two For Germany Sign Marshall Aid Convention

PARIS, April 16. (Reuter): Eighteen signatories including two for Germany today created here a permanent organisation to set Europe on her feet economically and to channel 17,000 million dollars of Marshall Aid from the United States to the war shattered continent.

Mr. Ernest Bevin, Britain's Foreign Secretary, described the act as "the end of the beginning", and M. Georges Bidault, France's Foreign Minister, said that it was "unique in the history of our continent."

Mr. Bevin presided at the ceremony in the sunlit "clock room" of the French Foreign Office, where the Foreign Ministers or their deputies signed the convention.

TO BE RATIFIED BY EACH NATION

The signatories pledged themselves as their first task to ensure the success of the Economic Recovery Programme. The convention came into provisional operation on signing, but each nation will ratify its acceptance.

Both Mr. Bevin and M. Bidault emphasised that membership of the organisation remained open to any European country which wanted to co-operate in its aims.

The 16 nations were: Great Britain, France, Austria, Belgium, Denmark, Eire, Greece, Iceland, Italy, Luxembourg, Norway, the Netherlands, Portugal, Sweden, Switzerland and Turkey.

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Italian Socialists Have No Fear Of Communists

Situation In Italy Different From Eastern Europe Says Basso

ROME, April 16 (Reuter).—Predicting that the Popular Democratic Front—the coalition of the Italian Socialist Party, led by Signor Pietro Nenni, and the Communist—would gain a "great victory" at next Sunday's general election, Signor Lello Basso, the Socialists Secretary-General declared in an interview that he had no fear of Communists" in "swallowing" the Socialists, radios Hubert Harrison, Reuter's Special Correspondent.

The situation in Italy, he said last night, differed both geographically and socially from Eastern Europe. The greatest difference was that Italy was not included in the Russian sphere of influence during the Yalta talks.

The total absorption of Socialists by Communists as in Hungary, Rumania and Czechoslovakia "could not happen here" he added.

His election forecast was that the Popular Front would capture 50 per cent of all votes cast in the country. In the north the percentage would be considerably higher, though the big towns there would show a slight fall because of the fear of the "bourgeois element." There would be a rise in votes for the front in country districts due to promises of land reform.

If the Popular Front gained power, Signor Basso said they would be prepared to co-operate with and form a coalition Government with other democratic parties.

Forty-thousand people from Naples and the surrounding countryside gathered in that city's San Ferdinand Square to hear Signor Palmiro Togliatti, General Secretary of the Italian Communist Party, wind up his election campaign in southern Italy with a 70-minute speech.

Hundreds of red flags and Italian tricolours bedecked the square and as Signor Togliatti spoke, aeroplanes roared overhead scattered thousands of leaflets.

As the Communist leader described Signor Alcide de Gasperi, Italian Premier, as a "fool and a liar who cannot give a guarantee" two planes dropping anti-Popular Front leaflets drowned his speech.

Signor Togliatti denied the Communist party had lost ground in the north, declaring that in the province of Emilia they would get 70 per cent of the votes, in Tuscany 65 per cent and in northern Italy generally, more than 50 per cent.

Signor Togliatti defined the Communist programme as being threefold: To prevent the rise of "reactionary forces." which would make possible the return of fascism, to drive away the menace of another world war; and to respect the new constitution which must develop into an instrument for the good of the working man.

He expressed his gratitude to the United States Government for the aid they had sent to Italy, thanked the American forces for liberating Italy but said he did not want the Americans to "put a rope round Italy's neck."

A strong force of armed Italian police encircled Rome's Ghetto after rumours that Fascists intended a repetition of Wednesday night's incident in which the Jewish quarter was invaded by youths singing Fascist songs.

With only one more day to go before the election campaign finishes at midnight today, Rome's political meetings were filled to overflowing.

The Communists were also at the Ghetto tonight in large numbers to protect the Jews from new Fascist attacks.

The Jewish Communist in Rome issued a communique declaring they were "determined to defend with all our forces, the liberty and right to respect and human dignity gained by the blood of our own brothers."

Earlier the Fascists issued a communique denying responsibility for Wednesday night's incident.

In Britain Today

Success Of Housing Programme

By DR. GEORGE GRETTON

A closely printed book of 158 pages, just published, sets out in complete detail Britain's latest estimates covering Health, Housing, Town Planning, Labour and National Insurance, which between them account for a great part of the country's social services.

As might be expected, in the year in which Britain's new global social welfare system comes into force, there is a sharp increase in the estimates for health and national insurance. After deducting the savings made elsewhere, the net increase is over £140,000,000 (Rs. 186.3 crores) — a courageous undertaking for a country which is taking more than its share of the incidence of the world economic crisis.

It is not an accident that the administration of Britain's biggest material reconstruction project, housing, comes under the control primarily of the Minister of Health, for a nation's health is profoundly affected by the standards of its housing. It is a basic principle of Britain's reconstruction plans that quantity shall not be sacrificed to quality — even in the present urgency.

Million People Re-Housed

During the last year, the housing programme in sheer quantity was greater than that of any other European country. No fewer than 240,000 families — something like a million people — were rehoused, some in rebuilt or restored war damaged houses, but mostly in new homes. Moreover, a further quarter-of-a-million houses were under construction when this present year started. Most of these should be finished at the present rate of progress during the year.

The Housing Department of the Ministry of Health — apart from the planning of this vast project — has two main functions which affect the lives and social welfare of the people of Britain. These are the maintenance of a high standard of accommodation and the pegging of the cost of this accommodation to a level which all classes of people can afford.

In 1944 when Britain's post-war housing programmes were about to start up, the Ministry of Health, in conjunction with the Ministry of Works, issued a detailed directive to all builders—in particular to local authorities which operate a greater part of the programme as far as it affects the working classes. This housing manual was a classical production which laid down the standards of building in the fullest sense of the word.

SCIENTIFIC AND FACTUAL

The manual covers site planning, design of roads, design of houses with a special view to health and comfort, the use of materials, standards of efficiency in construction and workmanship, heating, public services and aesthetic standards. It is both scientific and factual and is illustrated with detailed examples from the best results of modern building and planning. By and large, these standards have dominated the design and construction of all new permanent houses, including pre-fabricated ones, throughout the post-war rehousing campaign in Britain.

One or two examples will illustrate the standards set and the approach to the problem. It is recommended that the density of any residential area shall be based primarily on the number of persons who are to live there rather than on the number of buildings. The density will vary according to the type of houses—whether they are large single houses, small single houses, or cottages, rows of terrace houses, blocks of flats and so on. The standard varies from a net residential density of 30 people per acre in semi-rural areas to a maximum of 120 per acre in the central areas of large towns, where blocks of flats are likely to predominate.

Although the standard house throughout Britain is a house with three bedrooms and two living rooms fit to accommodate an average family with two to three young children, the size and design of the houses has to be varied in any one area to accommodate either smaller or large families. Again, the situation of houses must be such as to give easy access to the main traffic routes or centres, shopping centres and so on, while providing safe routes to schools and playing fields for children, and various layouts are shown which achieve these purposes.

Rajesthan Union

UDAIPUR RULER TO BE RAJPRAMUKH

Jawahar To Administer Oath Of Office On April 18

NEW DELHI, April 14, (UPI): His Highness the Maharaja of Udaipur will be installed as Rajapramukh of Rajasthan Union in place of His Highness the Maharao of Kotah when Udaipur State formally joins Rajasthan Union on April 18.

Pandit Nehru, the Prime Minister of India will administer the oath of office to the Maharaja of Udaipur at a ceremony to be held on that date at Udaipur.

The Maharao of Kotah, who was elected Rajapramukh at the time of the formation of the Union will now take office as Upa-Rajapramukh.

Pandit Nehru leaves for Udaipur on Sunday morning by air and he will return to Delhi the same evening.

Plea For Support To Saurashtra Government

Champsi's Address At Independence Day Meeting

(From Our Correspondent)

JAMNAGAR April 15:

An appeal to the public to give full support to the Government of Saurashtra was made by Mr. Ratansi Champsi, Councillor, at a public meeting at Gandhi Chowk today.

The meeting was held in celebration of the Saurashtra Independence Day. Messrs. Rewashankar Vakil, Ishwarlal Munsiff, and Lavanprasad Shah were among those who addressed.

Mr. Ratani Champsi announced that the Saurashtra Government had ordered the release of Mr. Gokuldas Ved, a Communist worker who had been arrested under Section 124 A.

MANGROL AND SAURASHTRA STATES

Mangrol, April 15. (API)—The citizens of Mangrol, a state adjacent to Junagadh in Kathiawar, at a public meeting held here today to celebrate "the Saurashtra Union day" adopted a resolution requesting the Indian Union Government to merge Mangrol with United States of Saurashtra.

The resolution called upon the Indian Union Government to hand over the administration of Mangrol to Saurashtra states "if in view of high level political discussions it is not possible to merge Mangrol just now into Saurashtra."

Gujerat Food Situation Satisfactory

SURAT: April 16, (API)—"The review of the food situation in Gujerat by the conference of Collectors on Wednesday last showed that the situation is very satisfactory and there is nothing to cause anxiety", said Mr. M. K. Deshpande, Collector of Surat, who returned here after attending the conference.

Mr. Deshpande said that the Government will make available to any district reserves of grain when necessary. At present Government will continue the distribution of maccai.

So far as Surat district was concerned Mr. Deshpande said that the prices are reported to have come down after the sale of maccai began. About 50 shops, the largest number in the whole of Gujerat are selling maccai. If people do not take to hoarding in unreasonable quantities there will be no trouble in the district he said.

Abnormal Road Deaths In Germany

LONDON: (IPS) Road deaths in Germany are abnormal, seven times as high as in Britain says a Hamburg dispatch. The cause for the accidents is being probed and army officers are instructed to devise "new safty" measures and instructions to German pedestrains.

Mental Tests As Substitutes For Exams.

LONDON: (IPS) —Introduction of psychological methods for examinations and mental tests in schools will be discussed among the British teachers. These tests have been favoured by the Ministry of Education as they have achieved good results in the army

U. S. To Build Giant Aircraft Carriers

WASHINGTON: (IPS) The U. S. Government plans to build a new aircraft carrier of 60,000 to 80,000 tons and eight other experimental ships and super fast submarines

Scotland Yard's Famous Dog Dies

LONDON: (IPS)—Jess, the famous Labrador police dog was killed when a car knocked her down in a London street the other day. Most famous of the "London Six" police dogs, Jess was responsible for many arrests chiefly Hyde Park—her main beat—criminals. She had an extraordinary gift of spotting crooks and would warn her policeman escort by raising her head and showing in the direction of the victim.

Netaji Bhavan For The Nation?

Interpellations In Orissa Assembly

(From our Special Correspondent)

CUTTACK, (By Air Mail).

The budget session of the Orissa Assembly concluded on April 5th and passed the Orissa Compulsory Labour Bill and referred the Orissa Gram Panchayat Bill to a Select Committee consisting of the Minister of Local-self Government and ten other members before it was adjourned 'sine die'.

The Compulsory Labour Bill is a measure to compel the labourers who are able bodied to offer their labour for manual work on payment by the Government in time of emergency such as floods etc., for the construction of embankments.

Explaining the reasons for the introduction of the Compulsory Labour Bill in the Assembly the Minister in charge stated that it had to be brought before the Assembly as there was dearth of labour in the province and to a certain extent the dearth of labour for manual work was due to the activities of the Communist Party. Accepting an amendment to the penalty clause of the bill which sought to eliminate the provision of four months imprisonment to the person who refused to comply with the provisions of the bill, the Minister agreed with those who felt that the villagers offer their labour even without any payment in the time of emergencies and hence there was no necessity for the punishment as originally provided in the draft bill.

Interesting questions relating to the Hirakud Dam, women, police force, and bridge over Mahanadi near Sambalpur were asked. It was revealed in reply to a question of Pandit Laxminarayan Misra that the Central Government have ordered the construction of a bridge over Mahanadi to link Calcutta with Bombay.

Replying to Pt. Lakshminarayan Misra who asked whether the Netaji Bhavan at Cuttack where Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose was born had been given as a gift by the Bose brothers and if not whether the Government proposed to acquire it the Law Minister said: "Perhaps Sri Sarat Chandra Bose had publicly declared that the Bose family had reached no decision on the subject of Janakinath Bhavan being bequeathed to the nation.

A. I. S. P. Regional Conference To Meet On April 18

ERNAKULAM, April 15. (API)—The Regional Council of the All India States peoples Conference comprising Travancore, Cochin and Pudukotah will meet on April 18 in Trivandrum.

Among other things the meeting will consider the future of All India States Peoples Conference and the Regional Council in view of the impending constitutional changes.

Madras Advocates' Resolution

Madras, April 15 (API)— The Madras Advocates Association in a resolution urged that provision should be made in the new constitution act that appointments to the judical service at all levels for the civil and criminal administration of justice, should be made on the recommendation of the provincial High Court.

America Plans In Mid East

WASHINGTON, (IPS) A far-reaching military plan to defend the Middle East against a possible Russian drive to the South is suggested in a report submitted by the Sub-comittee of the U. S. Foreign Affairs Comittee. The report warns that U. S. is at present powerless to defend the Middle East and seeks military aid on the same basis as Greece and Turkey

MR. M. P. PATIL

Mr. M. P. Patil, Minister for Forests and Agriculture, Bombay, will leave for Poona on Saturday, April 17, and return to Bombay on Tuesday, April 20.

Rumours Of Russian Jet Planes Over Alaska Denied

ANCHORAGE, (Alaska), April 15 (U.P.A.) : Rumours of Russian jet planes having been seen over Alaska were branded as groundless today by a spokesman of the army Alaskan command.

He said "I have been here for two and a half years and have yet to see one. It sounds as though some politician in Washington is trying to get his name in the papers."

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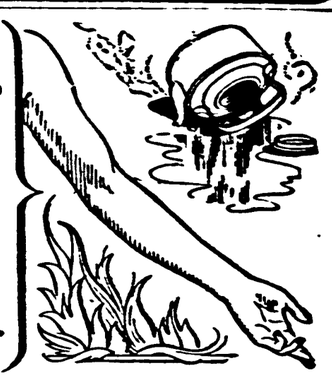

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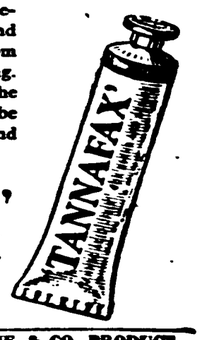

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Palestine Letter

Arabs Prepared For Clash With British Troops

Jerusalem District Commanders Plan "Large-Scale Operation" Against Expected Jewish Convoy

JERUSALEM, April 2:— Suspense prevails today in both Arab and Jewish camps in the capital in spite of the Security Council's resolution to call on both sides to arrange for a truce between them. The 100,000 Jews there, with their food stocks almost exhausted, are awaiting the arrival from Tel Aviv port of a large relief convoy of victuals. Failing such replenishment, it is reliably learned, the grip of famine would eventually force the Jewish leaders to "surrender" Jerusalem unconditionally to the Arabs.

The Arabs, aware of their enemy's difficulties, are reported to have entrenched themselves along 20 kilometres of the mountainous highway leading to Jerusalem, determined to smash any convoy or to force it back whence it came. During the past three days the same convoy is reported to have advanced halfway, but was attacked at Hulda settlement in the plains and forced to return, leaving five burned out trucks and an armoured car behind. Official casualty figures were 17 Jews and five Arabs killed.

For over a week now, no Jewish vehicle was able to run the gauntlet of the Arab blockade of Jerusalem. The small number which risked its way through during the past month is, moreover, described by informed sources as reconnaissance escort who invariably wirelessed back that passage was "perilous."

In the meantime, the Jewish authorities in Jerusalem have been forced hastily to introduce the rationing of bread, tinned meat and milk, sugar and eggs as well as kerosene. There is no vegetables or fish to ration, according to Hebrew press reports announcing details of the rationing system. Two hundred and fifty grams of bread per person daily is all that is available at present.

JEWISH PLEA FOR ARMED ESCORT

It is reliably learned that the Jewish Agency has formally appealed to the Mandatory Government to provide adequate armed escort against the blockaders. Since consent to do so involves an inevitable clash with Arab guerillas, Sir Alan Cunningham, Palestine's High Commissioner, finds himself in the position where he has to choose between adherence to the declared policy of non-intervention and that of enforcing the "authority of Government' by deploying British troops against the Arabs.

A large-scale clash would antagonise overnight the pro-British Arab sentiment that was won after painful experiences of sacrifice of British lives and prestige as well as costly propaganda. Observers here maintain that the British cannot afford at this juncture of the conflict to lose the alleged "record" of impartiality towards both sides while the country is being fast depleted of their troops. Police and officialdom. Informed sources estimate that not more than 20,000 troops remain in the country today.

ALAN ASKS FOR ARAB TERMS

Sir Alan has today approached the Arab Higher Committee with a request for Arab terms to permit essential foodstuffs to reach the starving and disconcerted Jews of Jerusalem. It is reliably learned that the Jewish Agency were said to be prepared to restrict the load of convoys to victuals and were willing to submit the trucks to Arab inspection and search. It is also learned that they proposed that no armed Jews would either drive or escort the convoys if their safe conduct were guaranteed. The High Commissioner requests that a reply be made within 24 hours—an indication of the seriousness of the food situation.

Reports of popular discontent with Zionist leadership and of dismay in the Jewish ranks are rampant in Jerusalem. Anxiety over the fate of the Jerusalem Jews in the all-Jewish town of Tel Aviv is said to be growing. That is becoming evident from news of demonstrations in front of the residence of David Bengurion, the chairman of the Jewish Agency Executive, and from descriptions of the breaking up of others in front of the headquarters of the Hagana (Jewish Defence Organisation). Open blame is being attached to the Hagana for failing to live up to its boast of its ability to preserve intact the vital lines of communications.

Agency officials are stated to be in constant session in Tel Aviv and in telegraphic contact with the Zionist Emergency Council in the United States of America. Appeal after appeal for immediate international intercession on behalf of the hungry and nerve-wrecked Jews is being despatched.

PROSPECTS OF TRUCE

The word "TRUCE" for the whole of Palestine is everywhere on the lips of British officialdom and foreign consular service personnel, who are unceasingly sounding the Arab Higher Committee and influential leaders in an effort to discover the minimum Arab terms therefor. The apparent fervour is explained by observers as a result of the American resolution passed by the Security Council last night, but the imperativeness of the sought truce seems stronger to the men canvassing for it in starving Jewish Jerusalem.

"Truce: we are anxious as any to put an end to the prevailing bloodshed and merciless destruction. But with what object in view? Our condition: the unequivocal Zionist renunciation for statehood and Partition." That is the gist of the Arab reply to the repeated overtures made on behalf of the Jews.

Sir Alan is reported to have proposed an alternative to the grant by Arabs of safe passage through Arab territory of Jewish food convoys. Would Arabs permit some 25-30,000 Jews to be evacuated safely out of Jerusalem?

The move is estimated by informed circles to relieve appreciably the food shortage for a month. Semi-official sources here believe that over 20,000 have already "slipped" out of the capital during the past two months in British-escorted convoys.

The Arab Higher Committee, on the other hand, recall how 15,000 Arabs living on the coast in a Jewish sea between Tel Aviv and Petah Tikva—in the British—evacuated Jewish quadrangle— are being systematically ousted out of their homesteads and farms through Hagana tactics of movement restrictions, withholding essential supplies from them, and continually threatening holding them as hostages.

"BATTLE OF THE ROADS"

While the "battle of the roads" proceeds uninterruptedly throughout the country, Arab district commanders of Jerusalem today held a military conference here. It is learned that they planned to pool their resources and to convert the awaited action against the expected vital convoy into a large-scale operation, even if it meant clashing with British troops.

Observers maintain that a "victory" against the Jewish convoy — if it should attempt to run the blockade under its own flag—may change the face of the Arab-Jewish strife raging unabatedly at present. It would enable the Arab Higher Committee to dictate rather than bargain for the best terms for the peace of the Holy City.

Buddha Figure In Load Of Coal

JOHANNESBURG, (Reuter) : In a load of coal delivered from Middelburg, Transvaal, to Primerose a few weeks ago was found a small Buddha image, about two and a half inches high, made of white soapstone.

Mystery surrounds the little figure. Professor C. van Riet Lowe, head of the archaeological survey in the Union, said.

The Buddha image hundreds of years old and possibly medieval might be further proof that the Chinese voyaged along the east coast of Africa long before the coming of the Europeans. On the other hand, it might have been brought by Arabs, who in the heyday of their trade penetrated as far as China and Japan, in addition to their voyages along the African east coast.

Water "Bombs" Fight Fire

WASHINGTON, (Reuter) : The United States forest service is using water "bombs" and firemen dropped by parachute in the fight against forest fires.

Army planes are being used to drop 165-gallon water tanks which explode just before they land. These "bombs" are followed by parachuting firefighters.

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WAR ON DISEASE

PRETORIA, (Reuter) : If experiments at present being conducted at the National Physical Laboratory in Pretoria prove successful, the whole technique of making vaccines, which are used to give immunity to animals and human beings against certain diseases and to cure others, may be revolutionised.

Using apparatus designed at the National Physical Laboratory and constructed in the Trigonometrical Survey workshops in Cape Town, technicians have been using high frequency sound waves to kill bacteria and to test wool fibres.

Dr. G. C. Van Drimmelen, of the Onderstepoort Veterinary Research Laboratories who is conducting the research, emphasised the fact that the work was not yet far enough advanced for any definite conclusions to be drawn.

Tests had been conducted on a non-virulent strain of brucella bacteria, which was responsible for undulent fever in cattle.

As the experiments were carried out at the National Physical Laboratory, the resarch workers were unable to test the process on virulent strains of the organism and were now waiting for the apparatus to be transferred to Ondersteepoort.

One of the research officers stated that the apparatus consisted fundamentally of a magnetostriction oscillator which was basically a mickle rod placed in a magnetic field, where it turned electric oscillations into sound wave.

Cultures of bacteria were placed in the path of the sound waves produced and were killed by the vibrations without destroying their complex chemical structure. The culture was then filtered and a substance now termed a "sonic filtrate" was obtained This filtrate was being tested for its vaccine properties.

A medical officer explained that some pathogenic organism caused disease by expelling a toxin, while others kept this substance within bacteria body. This substance was very difficult to isolvate, as it is easily destroyed by heat, cold and chemicals. The use of the sonic filtrate seemed to be the easiest manner of treating the bacteria without harming their chemical structure.

He added that it was too early to be able to state how this process would affect the vaccine technique for human beings, as each strain of bacteria would have to be tested individually, to find how it reacted to the high frequency sound waves. The results obtained so far he said, were very promising.

SIGNIFICANCE OF ITALIAN ELECTION

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European stability, makes these concessions inevitable.

The election campaign is developing with the usual Latin colourfulness and extravagance. Some deaths have occurred and many more campaign casualties are claimed by the rival parties as good election propaganda. The Communists in particular has been exploiting their hold on the trade unions by cleverly staging strikes and other impressive demonstrations.

CHARGES AND COUNTER-CHARGES.

All sorts of difficulties are expected during the elections. It is suggested that if the Communists feel that they are losing they will not hesitate to organise a 'coup d'etat'. Another charge against them is that bogus voters might be smuggled from across the frontiers. It is to their advantage if the poll is low, because the timid voters, not excluding women voters, would mostly belong to the opposite parties. The Reds therefore would not stop from organising synthetic riots to scare away timid voters.

The Communists, and their supporters, on the other hand charge de Gasperi and his friends with the intention of interfering with free elections to the extent of "cooking" them if necessary. Neither side is prepared to accept the logic of democracy and yield gracefully and own up defeat.

If the Communists (or their Democratic Front) win the elections, with lightening speed the whole state will be co-ordinated. The purge of Prague will be reenacted in Rome. Ie de Gasperi wins, strikes and deliberately provoked troubles will hamper him and push him to extra-democratic measures.

THE INTERNATIONAL STAKES.

The U. S., at no cost can permit, the passing of Italy in the Russian orbit. Such a development would seriously alter, to the disadvantage of the U.S., the geopolitical map of the world. Mediterranean would then become "mare nostrum" of the Kremlin. Greece and Turkey would have to be abandoned as untenable positions. In the Middle East a new ferment leading to a new political crystallisation would begin. The precariously reared up fabric of the Western Europe would break up. The Red Colossus would soon be astride the great continent. From the Atlantic to the Pacific one Great Power would face another that too is lapped by the waters of the same two oceans. The American armed forces will not surrender, even to the exigencies of the ballot box, the strategic footholds in Europe and the Middle East. The Soviet Union is unwilling to provoke the final rupture with the United States. It wants to strain to the utmost but not cause the final snapping. The great Leviathan is yet in no shape for a major military adventure.

The elections in Italy are thus manouevres on the battle-field. Both sides will seek to improve—their positions, but none will want to let off the fuse. When the din and dust of elections have settled down de Gasperi, the chosen of the Americans will be found to be in power, menaced as now by a glowering Togliatti. The elections will mark perhaps merely the fade out of Nenni, the moral opposite of Masaryk.

Baltistan To Co-operate With Kashmir

Mr. Hooseinbhoy A. Lalljee, President All Parties Shia Conference of India, in a statement says:

"We were happy to learn that the people of Baltistan, a great part of which are Shia Muslims and which is a state in the North of Kashmir, have declared that since the administration of Kashmir Government has been handed over to the people they will fully co-operate with them.

Many a people including our great men, I am afraid, do not know that Baltistan and its frontier tribes number about half a million Russian and Chinese territories, besides being gateway to Kashmir and East Punjab on the one side, and North-West Frontier and West Punjab on the other, "and" it was only some years back that Kashmir Maharaja had been claiming it as part of Kashmir and attempting every now and then by use of force to bring in this territory under his entire rule, but the people of this small territory had not entirely surrendered. It is now perhaps a well known fact and a fact disclosed to our Shia deputation which had been there at their request last year, that it has been very difficult for them to live a happy life, as endeavours are being made to absorb them by some Afghan tribes and by some people who are under Russian influence and recently by some of the Frontier people.

I do hope and pray now that they have decided to co-operate fully with Kashmir Government because it will have peoples' Government there, that they will be accorded their rightful position and that they with their Kashmir brothers will be able to live happily and be able to advance in the same way as all free and stable people are living and that endeavours to absorb them by different people will cease.

One Crime In Every 19 Seconds In U.S.

WASHINGTON, (Reuter) : There was one serious crime every 18.9 seconds in the United States last year, according to the Federal Bureau of investigation.

The F.B.I. reported that the 1947 crime rate was well above the prewar level and remained substantially the same as the rate in 1946 which topped all previous years since tabulation of crimes began.

Last year more than 1,500,000 crimes consisted of felonies, homocide, rape, robbery, aggrevated assault, burglary, larceny and motor car theft.

Artificial Rain For Philippines

MANILA, (Reuter) : The Philippine Departments of Agriculture and Aeronautics and the Weather Bureau are to co-operate this year to produce artificial rain to save the sugar lands on the Island of Negros from drought.

The sugar crop has regularly suffered serious loss through the annual long dry spell between February and May. This period, however, has always been far from cloudless though the clouds usually pass right over the island.

U. S.—U. S. S. R. TUG-OF-WAR

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in Germany. Conditions lack stability and uncertainty is wide-spread. The Western Powers recognize that time presses more for the "bidding" of German support and co-operation. This is indicated by the new suggestions of increasing the food rations and allowing Germans to participate directly in the negotiations over the Marshall Plan. It remains to be seen, if they will be able to act with necessary vigour and speed or will allow themselves to be overtaken by the Soviet Union in the run for "winning" Germany. The tussle over this will also supply a clue as to whether the relations between the Anglo-American Powers and the Soviet Union are going to move in the direction favourable to the mildening of tension or sharpening of it. This accounts for the great attention paid to the forces and currents at play now in Germany. In about four weeks time, these forces and currents are estimated to assume a new intensity.

FUTURE OF PALESTINE

A clause in the Treaty recently concluded between Britain and Transjordania states that the latter permits the use by Britain of its air-fields and ports. As it happens, Transjordania at present has only one port—the port of Aqaba. The employment of the plural term in place of the singular, has not passed un-observed and un-commented. Some have enquired whether this signifies a British benevolence to the absorbtion of Palestine by Transjordania, a plan known as keenly pursued by King Abdullah of Transjordania. The disposition not to have energetically translated into practice the decision of the United Nations relating to Palestine, has naturally strengthened this suspicion. Transjordania holds a specially favoured position with Britain and London is considered as extending a care to employ King Abdullah as a weight against Haj Amin El Husseini, better known as the Mufti of Jerusalem, who is in favour of an independent Palestine preserving a close orientation to Egypt. British policy follows a traditional course of supporting a creation greatly its own and the weaker. The Foreign Office in London has explained the error in the Treaty as the result of a concession to a phraseology more conventional. The position in Palestine itself now remains chaotic and confusing. The United States apparently is playing for time while concentrating on plans to strengthen its position in the Mediterranean.

Kutch Hundi Rates

(From Our Correspondent.)

BHUJ, April 16

Hundi Buying 303, Hundi Selling 304.

Gold 109.

Silver 150.

LONDON STOCK EXCHANGE

LONDON, April 16, (Reuter.

The forthcoming Italian elections have today cast a shadow over the London Stock Markets. The actual volume of trading has been very small with many brokers leaving their offices early to take advantage of the spell of fine weather.

Despite inactivity, price levels remained fairly constant with British Government securities practically unchanged on the day. Industrial issues were also maintained but operators have shown little inclination to deal until the Italian position becomes clear cut.

Report and counter report continue to affect Argentine utilities. Anglo-Argentine tramway issues benefitted from news that the Argentine Government had appointed a commission to study the question of purchase of this concern: prices were lifted by one to two points.

Uncertainty regarding the possibility of increased working costs created slightly lower levels among South African mines. Offerings of the dividend payers were however small.

Gambling in middle wits continued on a somaller scale lifted the price by six pence to three-four and nine.

In the foreign bond market Italian issues were firm with seven per cents three points up at one-three-seven.

Karachi Cotton Market

(From Our Correspondent.)

KARACHI, April 16.

Closing quotations:—

Cotton Sind NT 75/76, Punjab 25/F 90/91, LSS 66/68, Four F 62/63, May 60, Market was steadier on account of good demand and larger exports.

Spot business: 8,500 bales. Gill Co., Ralli Bros. and Eastern Cotton Co being active buyers.

Arrivals bales 471, exports 10,160 bales of which 4,500 for China rest for European ports.

Cottonseeds NT 6/4, Deet 7/6. Steady but quiet.

Copra 42/8, Copra Oil 60/8, steady.

Gold Tejabi 106/8, Sovereigns 74/8 Silver Coins 130. Steady but quiet.

Hapur Market Rates

(From Our Correspondent.)

HAPUR, April 16.

READY SECTION: Wheat 17, Gram 12, Barley 9/4, Maize 8, Bajra 8, Juwar 8, Peas 9/12, Arhar 9/8, Urd 17, Moong 14/8, Gur 11/8 to 12/4, Shakkar 12, Crystal 35, Khandsar 26 to 22, Sarson 19, Mustard Oil 55, Oilcake 7/8, Mung Phally 12, Benola 10/8 to 13, Oats 8.

Silver 171/12. Opened 171/8, Yesterday Closed 171/15. Gold 115/12, Yesterday Closed 115/12.

Bardana Chet 82, Asar 80/6, Due April 105/8.

Cants Jeth 8/2/7, Opened 8/2/0, Yesterday Closed 8/4, Gur Balsakh 11/4/9, Opened 11/2/9, Yesterday Closed 11/10, Pagan 11/13/3, Peas Jeth 8/4, Arhar Jeth 9, Sarson Jeth 18/5 Opened 18/12. Futures unsteady on bulls liquidations. Silver quiet. Gold steady.

Ahmedabad Share Market

(From Our Correspondent.)

AHMEDABAD, April 16.

Closing quotations:—

Arvind 1664, Ambika 420, Calico 1347, Saraspur 715, Defered 1675, Morris 39, Ashok 760, Vijay 675, Mahalaxmi 666/4/0, Sarangpur Cotton 1900, Sayaji 180 New Shorrok 1700, New Commercial 1275/8/0 Old Commercial 775, New National 575, Anil 345, Baroda 600, Ahmedabad Cotton 495.

NEW YORK STOCKS.

NEW YORK, April 16.

New York Stock Exchange opening prices:—

Anaconda Copper Mining dol. 36-7/8.
General Motors unquoted.
United States Steel dol. 77.
United States Steel Pref. unquoted.
—Reuter.

Madras Share Market

MADRAS, April 16

Following are today's quotations in the Madras Stock Exchange:—

SUGAR AND BREWERIES: Deccan 19/12, Mysore 50/4, United Breweries 217.

PLANTINGS: Balmadies 1/5/6 Blue Mountain 2/5/6, Cochin Malabar 6/2, Devashola 18/2, Highland Produce 30, Midlands 6/14, Nilgirie Teas 9/1, Peermada 46/4, Pullangodes 1/7, Thirumbadi 2/4/6, Vaikundam 7/2, United Nilgiris 170, Waterfalls 2/13.

TEXTILES: Balasubramania 35/8, Buckingham 327/8, Cambodias 11/4 Coimbatore C. M. 128, Lakshmi 91/14, Madura 42/8, Metturs 312/8, Radhakrishnas 152, Rajalakshmi 60, Ranga Vilas 49, Trichinopoly 12/10, Vasantas 102/8.

MISCELLANEOUS: Aluminium Industries 7/2, Andhra Cements 67/8, India Cements 6/11, Ind. St. Rollings 9, Mettur Chem. 9, Mysore Chem. and Ferts 11/10.

BETTER FEELING ON CALCUTTA STOCK EXCHANGE

CALCUTTA, April 16. (A. P. I.): On the Calcutta Stock Exchange today better feeling ruled round all sections and a good business was put through. Following are today's final transactions up to 1-30 p.m.:—

Government Securities: Three per cent Govt. Paper 98/6 Small Lot, Three per cent Loan 1986 99/6; Three per cent Defence 1949/52 101/6 Small Lot; Three per cent Loan 1951/54 102/4; Three per cent Victory 1957 101/4; Three per cent Loan 1966/68 99/15.

BANKS: Bengal Central 11/4; Reserve 107; United Commercial 63/8.

COTTONS: Cawnpore Textile 10/14; Kesoram 22/6; New Victoria Ordy. 5/3; Ditto Pref. 6/4 Odd Lot.

COALS: Bengal 535; Bhalgora 12/6; Bhulanbaree 16/6; Dhemo Main 16/12; Deoli 8/1; Raneegunge 20/6; South Karanpura 22/5; Talcher 5/2; West Jamuria 34/6; Western Bengal 7/6.

JUTES: Auckland 356; Champdany 235; Kanknarrah 535; National 30/8; Presidency 7/12; Reliance 83/12.

ENGINEERINGS: Indian Iron and Steel 31/7; Jessop and Co. 22/14; Kumardhubi 11/6; Marshalls 7/9; Sran 9/4 CT; Steel Corp. Ordy. 26/9; Ditto Pref. 122/8; Textile Machinery 9/1.

MISCELLANEOUS: Burma Corp. 3/5; Indian Copper 2/13; Tavoy Tin 1/8; Sone Valley Cement 9/8; Calcutta Electric 27/6; Bararee Coke 23/12; Bharat Airways 6/14; British India India Corp. 9/1; F. and C. Oaler 10/10; Indian National Airways 8/14, Jardine Henderson 170; Martin Burn 16/8; National Insulated Cable 9/8; National Tobacco 35/6; British Burma Petrol 2/13; Shree Gopal Paper 11/6; Titaghur Paper 42/2; Midnapore Zemindary 102; India General Navgn 114; India Steamship 13/7.

SUGARS: Balarampore 8/5 CT; Buland 17/2; Darbanga 15/1.

Britain Tackles Her Food Problems

BY JOHN KINGSLEY

Food is a particularly vital factor in Britain's economy. More so, because she is dependent for something like one-half of her needs on imports from overseas. In the pre-war days, when there was always means of payment, it was often a problem. Today, when it is a triple task of finding supplies, of price and of means of payment, it is almost a superhuman problem which, as a consequence of wartime devastation, has been accentuated by world-wide shortage and a great drop in supplies.

Britain has had to adopt a number of expedients to meet her food difficulties. The continuance of rationing on an even more drastic scale than in wartime has kept down demands and ensured fair shares for everyone While former suppliers have been struggling to restore production, fresh markets in which to buy have been found, but at a very great cost in another essential of which Britain is very short — dollars. This shortage of dollars has, however, stimulated the search for new means of supply, both domestic and overseas.

THREE MAIN AREAS

Before we discuss some of the means adopted to fill in the gaps, let us first see what shifting about has been necessary to maintain food imports at the minimum levels. For this it is necessary to divide the sources of supply into three main areas — Sterling, which includes the Dominions and Colonies, the Mandated territories, and Iraq, Iceland, Burma, Eire, and South Africa; Hard Currency, which comprises Canada, the Argentine, the U.S.A. and other dollar countries; Medium and Soft Currency which consists of Europe and European possessions. Russia and all other countries.

In 1938, the percentage of food imports from these areas were Sterling 40, Hard 27, Medium and Soft 33. But in 1947 the percentages were vastly different, with Hard almost double at 47, Sterling down to 35 and Medium and Soft only 18 During the first six months of this year the effects of the new buying policy and other factors will, it is estimated, change the ratios to Sterling 46. Hard 25 and Medium and Soft 29.

As the new trade agreement with the Argentine provides for payment in sterling for current food imports, Canada is now the only country from which Britain is buying food for dollars. United States imports were stopped as from August 1947.

NEW SOURCES

Correction of the pre-war ratio of imports has been delayed by the pace of recovery of the non-dollar world. Bad weather in Europe, for example, meant production in 1947 of only 56 per cent. of the pre-war quantity of bread grains, while in the Far East the amount of rice entering into international trade was only 1,500,000 tons as against 5,000,000 tons in 1938.

Unable to risk waiting for full recovery in the non-dollar producing areas, Britain has had to develop new sources of food supplies. At home an intensive long-term plan to grow more food was set going last year. Overseas in various countries of the British Commonwealth, arrangements have been made for increased purchases of food, or great plans have been initiated for promoting new production.

Amongst the latter, the biggest schemes are going ahead in the Colonies as part of the various development plans for social and economic expansion. The scale is indicated by the fact that for the 17 plans approved to date expenditure is estimated at £175,000,000 (Rs. 232.9 crores), of which nearly half will be spent on education, medical health and other social services, about £30,000,000 (Rs. 39.9 crores) on communications and £37,000,000 (Rs. 49.2 crores) on what is strictly termed economic development. Britain's share of the cost is to be £56,000,000 (Rs. 74.5 crores).

These plans will produce very much more than one-sided benefits. Although Britain will gain from the new sources of food and raw material supplies, the Colonies will be even greater beneficiaries. Such works enable production to be increased, unemployment to be diminished, standards of living to be raised, national incomes expanded and the wealth of particular territories increased.

GROUND NUTS SCHEME

The ground nuts scheme, now being developed in East Africa is typical of the wide ranging benefits which will accure to everyone concerned. Not only will the sale of ground nuts enable East Africa to obtain badly needed imports of manufactured goods, but by-products of the scheme will include increase in cattle food and cultivable land for the use of the local population. Most of the projects are designed to meet the world food needs, but in some cases, such as the special schemes for expanding rice production in British Guiana, West Africa and Malaya, they may be concerned with the particular food requirements of the Colonial peoples themselves.

None of these projects can be developed into full productivity overnight. Some will take several years to reach full maturity. Progress, moreover, is not being accelerated by the world shortage of key materials and capital goods.

Steel, for instance, is a most serious bottle-neck which there is no hope of breaking until demand begins to slacken off. In these various Colonial development schemes the pace has had to be slowed up for lack of steel, yet, by a system of sharing out, Britain is seeing that all essential demands are met in strict proportion, a fact not helped by the fact that before the war over half the steel imports of the Colonies came from outside Britain — particularly from the U.S.A. and Germany and that those supplies are now cut off.

MORE AND MORE POPULAR

Share Bazar Quiet Under Mixed Trading

FURTHER PROFESSIONAL LONG LIQUIDATION IN COTTON

Bullion Market Irregularly Dull

Bombay, April 16

After yesterday's reaction the local Stock Exchange was fairly steady with selective buying. There was absence of selling pressure while scattered buying imparted steady tone. The market opinion seems divided with one section inclined to book profits on the belief that present prices discount some of the constructive developments.

Tata Steel Defd shares opened at Rs. 1672 and advanced at Rs. 1700 At this level the demand was satisfied and prices gradually sagged at Rs. 1682 under scattered liquidation. Ordinary shares opened at Rs. 339 and after improving at Rs. 342 steadied at Rs. 341. Bombay Dyeing shares were active with increased demand. Dyeings opened at Rs. 1102 and after advancing at Rs. 1130 reacted at Rs. 1122. Kohinoors remain well supported and after opening at Rs. 643 advanced at Rs. 662 and steadied at Rs. 658. Simplex shares opened at Rs. 243 and quietened at Rs. 240. Swadeshi shares opened at Rs. 637 and after improving at Rs. 650 steadied at Rs. 645.

Later on there was slightly increased selling and traders were inclined to await final decision on stamping of prices on cloth. Tata Steel Defds after declining at Rs. 1665 steadied at Rs. 1670. Ordinary shares were done at Rs. 339 while Bombay Dyeings quietened at Rs. 1110. Kohinoors changed hands at Rs. 656 and Swadeshi shares were quoted at Rs. 646. Associated Cements were done at Rs. 173 and Bellapurs were quoted at Rs. 348. Scindia shares were placed at Rs. 28/8. Constructions after advancing at Rs. 213 quietened at Rs. 208. Closing tone was quiet with slightly increased selling.

MILL SHARES

Bombay Dyeing X.D. 1100 Kohinoor 647 Swadeshi 641 Nagpur 336 Simplex 236 New Great 372/8 Gokak X.D. 332 Indore 561/4 Century 512/8 Colaba X.R 180 Bleaching 169 Swan 392 Finlay 368 Morarji 625 Edward 630 Meyer 177/8 Apollo 3/14 I. U. Ordinary 15 I. U. Defd. 2/11/6 Madhusudan 246/4 Podar 167/8 Khatau 261/4.

STEELS

Tata Steel Ord 336 Tata Steel Defd. 1665 Second 140.

CEMENTS

Associated Merger X. D. 173.

INDUSTRIES

Bur. 445 Belapur 350 Shivrajpur 30.0 Scindia 28/4 Construction 207 Tata Chemical 16/10 Tata Oil 57/8 Indian Iron 31/2 Bengal 26/8.

ELECTRICS

Tata Hydro 155 Andhra X.D. 1390 Tata Power 1522/8.

MILLS (CASH)

Elphinstone 89/8 Phoenix 460 Ind. Mfg. 4185 Koorla 300 Dawn 1545 David 150 New City 200 Minerva 206/4 Bradbury 695 Bharucha (Defd.) 7 Bharat 41/8 Mysore 230/10 Madhavji 19/6 Model 195/12 Laxmi X.R. 802/8 Vishnu X.R. 315 Western 4060 Standard 520 Sholapur 5950 Sassoon Cotton 19 Hindustan 4310 Tata 77 Ahmedabad Advance 665 Sassoon Silk 85 New Union 16• Madhusudan B. 47 Shrinivas X.R. 235 Raja Bahadur 125 Berar 265 Victoria 225 Simplex Cpn. 115.

ELECTRIC SHARES (CASH)

Ahmedabad X.R. 122/8 Surat 141/4 Karachi 116/4 Broach 10/10 Ajmer 10/10 Amalgamated 15 8 Nagpur 53/8 Poona 145 Bombay Suburban 161/4 Bombay Suburban New 131/4.

BANK SHARES

Reserve 111 Imperial 2040 P. P. 507/8 Central 86 New 86 India 247 Union 9/10 Baroda 160 Habib 152 Dena Bank 54 United Commercial 66 Jaipur 51 Hindustan Com. 34 Mysore 365 Exchange (Ord.) 50 Eastern 105

INSURANCE

Oriental 5400 Empire 785 New India 73 Jupiter 30 Vulcan 13/10 Indian Mercantile 49 Universal Fire 15/12 British India General 23/8 Prud. 29 Neptune 7 New Great 25 All-India General 20/4.

RAILWAYS

C.P. 106/8 Mymensing 100 Guaranteed 100 Pachora 107 Manmad 125

MISCELLANEOUS

Alcock 322/8 Steamer 547/8 Burma New 150 B.B. Petrol 2/12/6 Mackenzie 85 Port Canning 74 Kemp 480 Zandu Pharmacy 180 Indian Investment Trust X.D. 99 Wimco 320 Dharamsey Chemical 36/8 Mukund Iron 10 Dena Trust 19/4 Alembic 243/12 Supreme India 130 Jamwire 108 Bombay Uganda 74 Bombay Motor Cycle 42 India Cement 31/4 Walchand Nagar Industries 181/4 United Motor 74 A.C.C New 109 Bombay Safe Deposit 910 Hydri Construction 16 Mahmad Steam 100-8 Gujerat Motor 35/2 Sardar Carbolic 750 Harvey Press 340 Estrella Bat. 51 Prince of Wales 625. Manmad Press 125.

PREFERENCE SHARES

Tata Steel (1st Pref.) 185 Andhra Valley 1237/8 Tata Power 1340 Hydro 125 Bombay Steamer 323/12 Nagpur 630 Swadeshi 146 4 Vishnu 850 Laxmi 307/8 New Great 222/8 Poddar 115 Shrinivas 98 Elphins tone 118/12 Bradbury 385 Surat Elec 130 Premier Construction (1st Pref.) 127 (Second Pref.) 125 Amalgamated 123/8 Habib 72 Tata Chemical 123/12 Walchand Nagar Industries 250 Jupiter 19/14 Supreme 120 Meyer 121/4 Mackenzie First 127/8 Mackenzie Second 125 And. Advance 160 Mysore Mill 50 Standard 101 Madhusudan 12

DEBENTURES

Andhra 1952 (4) 103/8 B. Steamer 1959 104/6 Indian Hume Pipe 111 Tata Power 1951 103 Walchand Nagar (6) 117.

OUTSIDE ISSUES

Indian Copper 2/12 BIC 9/2 Burma Corporation 3/3 New Victoria Mill 5/2 New Victoria Pref. 6/8 Phalton 130 Gold Mohor 325 New Kaiser-e-Hind 385 Sajjan Mill 250 Osmanshahi 230 Ajamshahi 210 Air Services 11/12 Air Ambica 17 Air India Tata 162/8 Hind Motor 6/14 Indian Steam 13/4.

BOMBAY COTTON

Bombay, April 16

The local cotton market was scheduled to close at 2 p.m. as a mark of respect to the death of Sir Homi Mehta. The market was quietly steady with modest activity. At the opening May delivery was quoted at Rs. 682 against the previous close at Rs. 688. There was some long liquidation which resulted in a decline of Rs. 4 from the opening level and May was quoted at Rs. 678. At this level there was scattered buying and the market rallied at Rs. 681.

The statistical position of cotton is strong and our prices as compared with cotton prices in other countries are not high. However some traders have started campaign to declare Bull squeeze and fix maximum prices. It may be said that all these years we have fixed floor and ceiling prices and at the request of the trade, the market was left free to find out its own level based on the law of supply and demand.

Later on the market declined under increased selling and May option was quoted at Rs. 675. The first All-India cotton crop estimate will be out today. The market closed at 2 p.m. as under:

I.C.C. May	Rs.	676	0 0
I.C.C. July		688	0 0
I.C.C. September		693	0 0

After the close of the market May delivery was quoted at Rs. 673.

GOLD & SILVER

Bombay, April 16

The Bullion market was quietly steady with restricted business in Silver. No business was reported in Forward Gold owing to some dispute about brokerage between Brokers and Choksey traders.

At the opening Forward Silver was quoted at Rs. 171 and declined at Rs. 170/4 on moderate selling. At this level there was scattered buying by sold-out bulls and some short covering which improved Forward Silver at Rs. 170/12. Spot market was quiet at Rs. 170/8. Ready Gold was placed at Rs. 115/12 and Sovereigns were quoted at Rs. 73/8

Final quotations were as under:—

	Rs.	as.	p.
Ready Silver	169	4	0
Forward Silver	169	8	0
Ready Gold	115	5	0
Forward Gold	115	4	0
Sovereigns	73	12	0

PRODUCE MARKET

BOMBAY, April 16.

The produce market was quiet today with some long liquidation. Castorseeds May delivery opened at Rs. 136/8 and improved at Rs. 136/12 under scattered buying but later declined at Rs. 135/10 on increased selling. September delivery also after touching Rs. 143/8 declined at Rs. 142/8 Linseed April-May was done at Rs. 25/10 while June-July was quoted at Rs. 15/14. Groundnuts April-May delivery were quoted at Rs 31/12 and June-July business was done at Rs 32/3. Later on there was increased selling. Quotations were as under:—

GROUNDNUTS—			
Khandesh quality	Rs. 33	0	0
Coromanda! ready	32	12	0
Bold ready	32	4	0
April/May	31	10	0
June/July	31	14	0
CASTORSEEDS—			
Ready	29	12	0
May delivery	134	14	0
September	141	12	
LINSEED—			
Ready	25	8	0
April/May	25	6	0
June/July	25	11	0
OILS:—			
Groundnut ready	17	8	0
Groundnut May	17	12	0
Groundnut June	17	14	0
Linseed Oil	15	2	0
Castorsed First Pressing	19	4	0
Castorseed Commercial quality	17	12	0

RECORD OF ACTUAL TRANSACTIONS IN SHARES.

BOMBAY, April 16.

MILLS.

Apollo 3/14/6 3/14
B. Dyeing 1107/8 5 22/8 17/8 35 15 31/4 1102
C. India 335 39 36
Finlay 357 62 60 68
Gokak 333 38 37 37/8 22
I. U. (Defd.) 2/11/6 2/12
I. U. (Ord.) 14/15 15/1 15
Indore 547/8 55 51/4 60 55 61/4
Kohinoor 647 60 57 63 54 64 47
Madhusudan 246/4
Model 195
Mysore 230 30/10
New Great 370/8 72/8
Phoenix 460
Podar 187/8
Simplex 240 43 41 44 42 46
Swadeshi 636 52 46 50 41
Swan 392

BANKS.

Baroda 160
Central 85/8 86
Imperial (Old) 2037/8 40
India 247
Reserve 111
Union 9/10
U. Commercial 56

ELECTRIC.

Ahmedabad 122/8
Andhra Valley 1295 90
Hydro 155
Hydro (Pref.) 125
Power 1527/8 22/8 25 20 22/8
New India 74 73 73/8 73

STEAMER.

B. Steam 550 47/8
Scindia 28 28/8 28/5 28/6 28/4

STEEL.

B. Steel 26/6 26/12 26/10 26/12 26/8
I. Iron 31/3 31/8 31/2
Tata (Defd.) 1680 65 95 75 1705 1692/8 1700 1675 97/8 80 87/8 60 65
Tata (Ord.) 339 41/8 38 41/8 39 39/8 36
Tata (IInd Pref.) 141 40

MISCELLANEOUS.

Alcock 320 22/8
A. C. C. (Old) 172/8 73/8 78
A. C. C. (New) 109 9/8 9
Belapur 349 52 50
B. B. (Old) 440 46/4
B. B. (New) 150
B. B. Petrol 2/14 2/12/6
L. Bleaching 169
P. Const. 206 13 7
Tata Chem. 16/13 16/8 16/10
Tata Oil 57/8
Walchandnagar 182/8 81/4
Wimco 318/12 20

SPECIAL.

Central Bank (New) 86
Simplex Coupon 115
Josts Engineering 86
Alembic Chem. 243/12

New York Cotton Prices Improve In Late Trading

NEW YORK, April 15. (UPA)—Prices rallied sharply in the late trading on the New York Cotton Exchange today climbing to new highs with May rising up to 37.60 cents.

New Orleans and local professionals still attempting to feel that the market was out for the long expected technical setback, were again caught on the short side. Bullish sentiment prevailed on the market on confirmation of exports sales overnight to Belgium, France,Germany and Italy although the amounts involved were undisclosed. Great Britain also was reported to have been in the markets for an undisclosed quantity.

The export possibilities and backwardness in the new crop work plus an inflationary sentiment generated by the expected government spending and foreign aid, kept sellers on the anxious seat and they hurriedly retired on rallies. Other than professional selling, hedging and scales up realizing, the market was still showing lack of any concentrated pressure. Domestic mill buying was becoming more apparent with textile manufacturers becoming increasingly concerned over the tight supply prospects and were either covering now against textile orders or attempting to fortify inventory positions through the purchases of new crop futures. They are begining to reason that with prospects of tight supplies extending into the next fall, purchases of October look attractive particularly at a discount of four cents per pound under current May.

CERTIFICATED STOCK.

A further drop in excess of 5,000 bales in certificated stocks plus the strength of grains, securities and the firmness of other commodities acted to bolster bullish confidence. The certificated stock is now down to 74,247 bales compared with a high in excess of 100,000 bales previously.

Traders are expecting further heavy withdrawal against export sales to China which at the same time lessens the prospects of heavy contract deliveries. In fact, some quarters who were previously bearish on the prospects of heavy tenders are now predicting that May cotton will record further rise before the first notice day on April 27.

Regarding the status of new crop prepartions, the Government's weekly summary said that better progress has been made in gulf and coastal regions, but conditions were still backward in north-eastern and central regions with plantings still about three weeks late in Georgia.

Traders, fearful that export possibilities are being exaggerated, say they have unconfirmed rumours that France and Brazil have concluded a trade agreement providing France with a credit of 15,000,000 dollars for cotton and coffee purchases in the next two years. Canada is also reported to be using more Mexican cotton taking only 50 percent of Americans while the Belgian consumption is reported as being held down to about 25 percent of american sorts.

Today's session opened two to 17 higher. Prices dipped below the previous close in the forenoon and then began to push ahead on the news of Continental export inquiries.

Dealers voiced the opinion that any reactions will be of short duration.

MONEY MARKET

BOMBAY, April 16.

B C Rates T T D D 1/5 15/16 Ready
B C Rates T T D D 1/5 29/32 up to 6 Months
London Banks Selling T T D D 1/5 31/32 Ready
London Banks Selling T T D D 1/5 15/16 up to 6 Months
London Banks Buying T T 1/6 1/32 to 9th Month
London Banks Buying T T 1/6 1/16 10th-12th Month
London Banks Buying D D 1/6 1/16 to 4th Month
London Banks Buying D D 1/6 3/32 5th and 6th Month
London Banks Buying D D 1/6 1/8 7th and 9th Month
London Banks Buying 60 and 90 d/st 1/6 1/8 to 4th Month
London Banks Buying 60 and 90 d/st 1/6/ 5/32 5th and 6th Month
London Banks Buying 60 and 90 d/st 1/6 3/16 7th and 9th Month
London Banks Buying 120 d/st 1/6 5/32 to 4th Month
London Banks Buying 120 d/st 1/6 3/16 5th and 6th Month
London Banks Buying 120 d/st 1/6 7/32 7th and 9th Month
New York and Montreal B C Rates 1 T Rs 328 1/4
Banks Selling T T D D Rs 682 1/4
Banks Buying T T Rs. 330
Banks Buying D D N Y Rs. 328 3/4
Montreal Rs 328 1/2
Banks Buying D D N Y Rs 329
Montreal Rs 328 3/4 L/C
Paris Banks Selling T T Fcs. 6400
Paris Banks Buying T. T. Fcs. 6550
Amsterdam Banks Selling T T D D Fl 79
Belgium Banks Selling T T D D Fcs. 1305
Java Banks Selling T T D D—79
Hongkong Banks Selling T T D D Rs. 84
Singapore Banks Selling T T D D Rs. 167 1/4
Manila Bank Selling T T D D Rs. 166-1/4
New York-London Cross Rate Doc .02 3/4 to 4.03 1/4
London/Afghanistan Cross Rate Afghani Rs. 52.57-53.43
London Alexandria Pcs 97 1/4-3/4
London Amsterdam Fl 10.68-70
London Bangkok Tcl 40
London Belgium Fcs. 176 1/2-3/4
London Denmark Kr. 19.32-36
London Hongkong 1/3 1/16
London Iran Rl 128-130
London Java Fl 10.68-70
London Lisbon Es 99.80-100.20
London Manila Pes 3.10/8-15
London Montreal Doi 4.02 3/4-4.03 1/4
London New York Doi 4.02 3/4
London Oslo Kr 19.98 20.02
London Paris Fcs. 863.40-864.60.
London Prague K 201-202
London Singapore 2/4 7/32-1/8
London Stockholm Kr. 14.47-50
London Switzerland Fcs 17.34-36
London Syria 880-5
London Discts. 3 Mos 9/16 per cent
London Discts. 6 Mos. 5/8 per cent
Reserve Bank Rate 3 per cent, Bank of England Rate 2 per cent.
Money:—Call 1/2 per cent, 3 Mos. 3/4 per cent, 6 Mos. 1 per cent, 12 Mos. 1-1/2 per cent.
Tone:—Easy

NEW YORK COTTON

NEW YORK, April 15:

May,	37.57+18
July,	36.92+21
July Highest	36.64+20
July Lowest	36.64—07
October,	33.41+50
December,	32.60+33
Spot,	38.67+15
March	32.40+43

NEW ORLEANS COTTON

NEW YORK, April 15:

May,	37.59+24
July,	36.88+83
October,	33.32+41
December,	32.61+39
Middling spot.	37.45+25

NEW YORK SILVER

NEW YORK April 15:

U.S. price of Foreign Silver, 74-5/8 cents.

LONDON STOCK EXCHANGE

LONDON, April 15:

Consols 2-1/2,	£761-/4
Conversion Loan, 3-1/2 p.c., 1961,	£103-1/4
War Loan, 3-1/2 p.c 1952 and after,	£103-1/16
Funding Loan, 4 p.c. 1960/90.	£111-1/8
Victory Bonds, 4 p.c.	£113-1/2
Chartered Bank of I.A. & China,	£12-1/2
Hongkong and Shanghai Bank (London ref),	£120-1/2
National Bank of India,	£37-1/2

Transactions on the London Stock Exchange are officially placed at 7.971

NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE.

NEW YORK, April 15.

American Telephone & Telegraph	153
Amerex Holding Co.	24-1/4
Anaconda Copper Mining	36-1/2
Chase Nastional Bank	34-1/2
Sinclair Oil Co.	19-1/8
Firestone Tyre & Rubber Co.	47-3/8
General Electric Co.	35-3/4
General Motors	56-1/8
Ingersol Rand	134
International Nickel	29-1/2
National City Bank of New York	39
New York Central Rail Road Co.	15
Socony Vacuum Corporation	17-1/2
Texas Corporation	56-7/8
Union Carbon & Carbide	111
U S. Smelting Refining Mining Co.	53-3/4
U. S. Steel Corporation Common	76-1/2
Western Union Telegraph	21-7/8

LONDON BULLION.

LONDON, April 15.

Gold Bars fine per oz. £8/12/3. Silver Spot 45 d., Forward 45 d.

INDIAN COTTON ACREAGE.

The area under cotton cultivation is estimated at 71,29,000 acres showing a decrease of 8 per cent.

GOVERNMENT LOANS

BOMBAY, April 16.

	Rs.	as.	p.
2-1/2 p.c. 1954	98	10	0
2-1/2 p.c. 1950	101	1	0
2-1/2 p.c.	96	14	0
2-3/4 p.c. 1948-52	100	4	0
2-3/4 p.c. 1960	99	7	0
2-3/4 p.c. 1976	99	8	0
3 p.c. non-Terminable	99	3	0
3 p.c. 1986 Con.	99	3	0
3 p.c. 1949-52	101	8	0
3 p.c. 1951-54	102	1	0
3 p.c. 1953-56	102	1	0
3 p.c. 1957	101	6	0
3 p.c. 1959-61	101	0	0
3 p.c. 1966-68	99	12	0
3 p.c. 1970-75	99	8	0
3-1/2 p.c. 1954-59	105	6	0
4 p.c. 1945-53	101	12	0
4 p.c. 1960-70	111	8	0
4-1/2 p.c. 1958-67	105	0	0
4-1/2 p.c. 1955-60	113	0	0
4-1/2 p.c. 1958-67	116	0	0
PROVINCIAL LOANS			
2-3/4 p.c. U. P. 1961	98	0	0
2-3/4 p.c. Madras 1961.	98	0	0
3 p.c Bombay 1955	101	10	0
3 p.c. Bombay 1958	101	10	0
3 p.c. Punjab 1949	99	2	0
3 p.c. Madras 1952-53	100	12	0
3 p.c. Punjab 1952	99	4	6
3 p.c. U. P. 1952	112	0	0
3 p.c. C P 1952	101	0	0
3 p.c. N.-W F. 1952	99	14	0
3 p.c. U. P. 1961-66	100	10	0
3 p.c. Bombay Port Trust	111	4	0
3 p.c. Bombay Municipality City	111	0	0
3 p.c Bombay Municipality 1959	116	0	0
6 p.c. Municipality 1954.	118	0	0
3-1/4 p.c New Municipal 1977	100	4	0
3 p.c BPT	110	0	0

WORTH STREET ACTIVITY

December 178—178.5; March 1949 175.5—176.5; May 173-175.5; July

HAMPERED

NEW YORK, April 15, (U. P. A.): Activity on the Worth Street Cotton Cloth Market was hampered by renewed easiness today in the spot delivery of print cloth and buyer reluctance to meet mill quotations on third and fourth quarter deliveries

Brokers reported offerings of 30 square prints in lots of around 100,000 yards at 28-1/2 cents per yard although the majority of sellers were holding for one-half to a single cent per yard higher.

Mills continued to hold fast on prices for deferred print deliveries. Sheetings were generally inactive, but higher cotton prices gave rise to reports that Osnaburg producers might decide to increase the selling basis.

CHICAGO GRAINS FIRM.

CHICAGO, April 15, (U. P. A.): On the Chicago Commodity Exchange today, grain prices were firm with corn leading. Wheat advanced on continued lack of needed moisture in the South-West. Corn was higher owing to the strength in the cash markets and the light terminal stocks available for contract delivery.

Closing prices included:
May 2.52-1/4—2.53
July 2.41—2.40-3/4.
September 2.38-3/4—2.39
December 2.38-3/4—2.39.

WOOL TOPS CLOSE UNCHANGED TO 20 HIGHER.

NEW YORK, April 15, (U. P. A.): Wool tops closed steady and unchanged to 20 higher. April was quoted 179.5 nom.; May 179.5—180; July 180 traded; October 179 traded; 171—172.

INDIAN STOCK EXCHANGE

BOMBAY, April 16

Tata Ordinary 336; Tata Deferred 1665; Indian Iron 31/2; Steel Corpn of Bengal 26/8; Bombay Dyeing 1100; Central India 336/4; Gokak 331/14; Kohinoor 646/14; Simplex 236; Swadeshi 641/4; Tata Power 1522/8; Associated Cement 173; Belapur 350; Burma (Old) 445; Scindia 28/4; Central Bank 86/4; New India 73/2; Tata 2nd Pref. 140

ITALIAN ART-SILK YARN.

BOMBAY, April 16

150 D. April	12	8	8
150 D. May	11	8	8
120 D. Ready	11	8	0

PEPPER PRICES.

BOMBAY, April 16

Chaitra deliv.	865 to 68
Vaishakh deliv.	868 to 71

POSITION OF SCHEDULED BANKS.

Statement of the position of Scheduled Banks as at the close of business on the 9th April:—

	Rs
Demand Liabilities:	
(a) In India	687,26,65,000
(b) In Pakistan	81,53,50,000
Time Liabilities:	
(a) In India	315,81,68,000
(b) In Pakistan	19,64,84,000
Cash:	
(i) Currency notes of the Government of India and Bank Notes (other than Pakistan notes)	
(a) In India	32,76,87,000
(b) In Pakistan	3,53,19,000
(ii) Pakistan Notes:	
(a) In India	Nil
(b) In Pakistan	30,27,000
(iii) India Rupee Coin:	
(a) In India	2,06,62,000
(b) In Pakistan	36 22,000
(iv) Pakistan Rupee Coin held in Pakistan:	26,000
(v) India Subsidiary Coin:	
(a) In India	69,32,000
(b) In Pakistan	5 14,000
(vi) Pakistan Subsidiary Coin held in Pakistan:	28,000
Balances with Reserve Bank	84,24,23,000
Advances:	
(a) In India	442,44,84,000
(b) In Pakistan	27,81,53,000
Bills Discounted:	
(a) In India	17,16,21,000
(b) In Pakistan	99,37,000

SHIPPING NEWS

IMPORTS AND EXPORTS

IMPORTS

BOMBAY, April 16.

S S. EXPRESS.

From New York:—86 drums sodium hydrosulphite; 32 cases carbonizing tissue, 95 bales secondhand clothing, 307 cases steel files; 157 bxs electric motors; 52 cases printing paper; 300 drums white petroleum mineral oil; 328 drums coal tar dyes; 64 drums duco enamel; 595 bxs battery zinc strips, 185 pkgs abrasive grain; 128 drums solid caustic potash; 175 pkgs new galvanized piece iron; 147 cases printing paper; 140 bxs tractor parts, 217:9 ingot bar of copper; 119 cases auto parts; 330 bales destins cotton.

From Baltimore:—29 drums liquid glucose.

From Djboati:—3258 bags Ethiopean jawar.

From Aden:—82 cases empty drums; 30 bdls old radiator; 47 bdls fola fala

From Genoa:—632 bales Italian raw silk; 33 cases printed matters; 166 drums machinery; 47 barrels coaltar dyes.

S. S. LAKE NIPIGON.

From Vancover:—40000 paper bags ammonia phosphate.

From Westminster:—10000 bags annonium phosphate.

S S ENTRY MEDON.

From New York:—470 bags litho photo; 36 ctns photo flash lamp; 28 cases S.T. 6 cases dodge K.D.Y. door sedon; 81 cases auto-parts; 2320 drums lubricating oil; 150 cases brake fluid. 346 cases lubricating grease; 26 cratos black steel sheets; 441 cases steel bolts and nuts; 156 cases coaltar dyes; 202 drums aniline dyes; 300 drums white petroleum mineral oil. 125 bales old clothes; 363 bdls thermo jugs; 113 cases steel files; 40 crates stainless sheets; 46 cases colour machines and hardware; 32 cases paper board; 97 cases electric motors; 27 drums pine oil; 25 drums dyes; 260 bales printing paper! 216 ctns writing ink; 1374 bdls cane; 42 bdls black pippe; 201 un cases electric motors; 370 cases type writer; 227 rolls galvanized steel wire and cloth; 30 cases containers tinplate; 25 cases refrigeration parts; 16 cases wiak lanterns; 25 cases steel ball bearing; 1164 bdls steel tubing.

EXPORTS

GOODS ENTERED FOR EXPORT

S.S. RIZWANI

To Jeddah:—

A. A. Kader—120 bags Cardamum. 10 bags ajwan seed. 20 jottas Cummin seed; 5 bags bettlenut; 30 bags tamarind.

G. Rasul—20 bags cumin seed. 3 bags ajwan seed, 5 bags fennel seed, 5 bags silicia seed, 25 bags ginger; 10 bags tamarind.

20 bags ginger—S. A. Misri and Co. Ltd.

10 bdls Cane stick—P. E. Ebrahim.

To Aden:—

250 bags dry ginger—V. D. Kerk.

C. Ujanishibhai—15 bales tobacco un 29 bales cotton piecegoods

10 bags ginger—A. A. Kader.

10 bags Cardamums—S. A. Misri and Co. 36 bales tocacco un.—C. Kasturchand.

7 bales cotton piecegoods—Gokuldas and Co. Ltd

To Port Sudan:—

50 bags ginger—Uganda Kenya Exporter Ltd.

140 bags ginger—Anilkumar Co. Ltd

6 bales cotton piecegoods— M. J. Nasser and Co.

192 bags ginger—R. S. Viram (Ind) Ltd.

S.S. TARANTA

To Liverpool:—

33 bales wool raw—The Bombay Co Ltd

14 bales wool raw Textile Export Co.

100 bales cotton waste—Barat Bros and Co.

S.S. JALDURG

To Karachi:—

50 bags Isabgool—H. M. H.A. Essak and Co

50 cases art S. Piecegoods—Bombay Trading Co. Ltd.

100 bales art S. Piecegoods—Dardwalla and Co.

50 bales art S. Piecegoods—A. Ebrahim Bros.

32 bags alum—M. A. H. Adamji.

25 bags green caperas.

S. Abedin and Bros—20 cases rubber baloons and 5 cases buttons.

M. A. Chamber—10 cases hair oil, and 10 cases rubber balons

Glassware 400 jottas—H. A. Mahomed, 12 cks. T. M. Ahmed.

50 cases cigarettes—National Tobacco Co. of Ind Ltd

16 bags gum arabic—H. M. M. A. Essack and Co.

10 bales copry anell—H. M. Osman.

5 bags Cardamums—A. S. V. Shokohijaram.

22 cases Tea—A. Sotar Bros.

S.S. AROND

To Mombassa:—

20 Piecegoods—N. S. Trading (Ind)

To Beira:—

47 bales cotton piecegoods—H. Chunilal and Co.

S. S. CILICIA

To Glasgow:—

763 drums castor oil—K. Devchand and Co

To Liverpool.—

72 tons magnesium chloride—B. Trilock and Co. Ltd.

S. S. CITY OF DELHI

20 cases bristle—C. Alisar and Ltd. 900 bales cotton raw—Tricumdas and Co. 650 drums Castor oil—A. Oomerbhai, 33 bales cotton piecegoods—George Wills and Sons Ltd.

S. S. BINFIELD

To Karachi:—

10 bags Isabgool—H. A. Jani & Sons. 12 bags glassware—The Bbay bottles stores. 50 cases bulb—N. B. Kakad. 40 bags epsom salt—General Acid Supply Co. 100 drums silicate of soda 150 bdls odi leaves, 300 bdls. tidies —L. Parso and Co. 60 bales woollen blankets and 30 bales woollen socks—V. Kamrudin.

S. S. LIMBURG

To Bangkok:—

166 bales cotton waste blankets—A. E. Maskai.

To Singapore:—

11 bags rennel seed and 25 bags cuminseed—P. Purusottam and Co.

S. S. INCHAMALI

To Rangoon:—

Cotton piecegoods 4 bales—M. Bhuta and Co. 6 bales—E. D. Sassoon and Co. Ltd. 145 bags dry fish—E. Dostmahomed and Co. 160 bags dry fish—E. Suleman and Co. 20 bags glass bottles—United Trading Co. 30 bags glass bottles and 10 cases gasolenaps—Central Bottle Trading Co. 115 bags glass bottles—United glass works.

S. S. ALDERAMIN

To Antwerp.—

330 bales cotton raw—R. Thakurdas.

S. S. MUTLAH

To Mauritious:—

31 bales cotton piecegoods—Indra Vadan and Bros.

Arrivals And Departures Of Steamers

ARRIVALS

S. S. JALADURGA arrived from Karachi on April 15, with 34 passengers on saloon and 1724 on deck. (Bombay Steam).

S. S. AZADI arrived from Bednbunder on April 15 with 1075 tons of cargo (Bombay Steam).

S. S. KALAVATI arrived from Karachi on April 14. with 200 passengers on deck and 2 on saloon, and 200 tons of general cargo. (Bombay Steam).

SAILINGS

S. S. "AKBAR" sailed for Karachi on April 15. with 1299 passengers on deck and 25 on saloon.

S. S. "HAVILDAR" sailed for Calcutta, on April 15. with some general cargo

M. V. "CARRICK BEND" sailed for Hongkong, on April 16. with 16 tons of general cargo.

WIDE SPREAD GAINS IN WALL STREET MARKET

NEW YORK, April 15.

Widespread gains covering one dollar were registered under the leadership of steel attributed to increased operations at the captive soft-coal mines. Support quickly developed for most aircrafts, chemicals, oils, minings, department stores and rails The averages were industrials 180.16. and rails 55.27. In the afternoon aircrafts and rails were trading features as the market fluctuated around the day's best levels—meaning a number of issues at new 1948 top levels and others at recovery peak. Leading motors joined the advance with a few of the other earlier laggards. Profit-taking finally reduced some earlier gains but the market closed firm around the day's best levels showing gains covering one dollar or more The rail average finished at a new 1948 high level while the industrials was about threequarter point below the earlier established peak.

LONDON PEPPER MARKET

LONDON, April 15. (UPA)—The Bank of England has standstilled the triangular pepper trade between Amsterdam, London and New York, it was learned on the London pepper market today.

As can be recalled, the commodity markets some weeks ago commented upon the seeming wangle in dollars which enabled Dutch firms to buy pepper in London and resell in New York at prices showing nominal losses. Just how those nominal losses were converted into profits intrigued the market but the spokesmen for the Netherlands Commodity Markets repudiated the suggestion that there has been any irregularity in the disposal of dollars accruing from New York sales

In any event, the Bank of England has now stopped that trade but whether in cooperation with the Bank of the Netherlands or without, it does not seem to be known.

Black pepper was quoted at two shillings two and one-half pence and white was quoted at three shillings and three farthings.

Indian Cotton Parity

Indian Cotton May contract is 1099 cent points below New York May at exchange rate 331

LONDON EXCHANGES

LONDON April 16:

I.T. London on:

New York, selling	4.027b
New York buying	4.0325
Montreal selling	4.0275
Montreal buying	4.0325
Zurich selling	4.0325
Zurich selling	17.34
Zurich, buying	17.36
Stockholm.	14.47 to 14.50
CHOTHIA NO 4	15/4/48

CALICUT MARKET.

CALICUT, April 16.

Coiryarn 235/2. 140 155. Gullandy 155/165. Fibre Garbled 110. Unsarbled 100; Cocoanuts Raw 100. Dry 110; Cocoanut Oil 405. Copra Office 270; Dilpasand 275; Madrasnottam 295; Pepper Wynaad 980; Country 940; Dry Ginger Chernad 300. Ernad 285; Coffee Robusta 125. Timber Pali 80/82/8; Jungiewood 25/35. Velapins 45/50; Benteak 35/50; Teak 80 100; Mango 3/4 5; Teak 15/20; RoseWood 15/20

HIGH & LOW COTTON PRICES

BOMBAY, April 15:

May Highest 711 Lowest 681 Closing 688.

July Highest 720 Lowest 693 Closing 699.

Sept. Highest 724 Lowest 697 Closing 703½.

NEW YORK PEPPER MARKET

NEW YORK, April 15, (UPA): The following prices were quoted for spot delivery on the New York pepper market today:—

Black Lampong 46 4/ asked.
White Muntok 65 normal.

Black pepper futures closed unchanged to 100 points lower with no sales reported. The spot market was quiet and prices remained unchanged from the previous days level. Grinders shied away from making new purchases.

Closing prices were: May, 44.50 nom; July, 46.50 asked; Sept./Oct. 45.90 nom; December, 44 nom; Jan./March, 43 nominal.

MUTT AND JEFF—Jeff is Stristly Against The Veto U. N. Or Otherwise

By BUD FISHER

JEFF HAVING A CASE OF MIND ABSENTEEISM HAS FORGOTTEN JUST ABOUT EVERYTHING THERE IS TO KNOW!
DOGGONE! HEY, MUTT! LOOK AT THIS!
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WELL, DOGGONE IF YOU AIN'T!
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PUBLIC NOTICES

BOMBAY GOVERNMENT SCHEME OF NATIONALISATION OF ROAD TRANSPORT.

TENDER NOTICE

THE STAGE CARRIAGE SERVICES under 'State Transport, Bombay' will be commenced from June 1948 and will need the following articles immediately.

Tenders are therefore invited for the following:

Description	No. required
Leather bags suitable for the use of passenger bus conductors	800
Metal boxes to be carried by conductors for keeping tickets	800
Punches for use of the conductors	800

A specimen of each of the above articles will be available for perusal at the office of the undersigned.

Tenders should be properly sealed, superscribed 'Tenders for the supply of conductors' bags, boxes and punches' and submitted to the Provincial Motor Transport Controller, Industrial Assurance Building, Churchgate, Bombay, before 3 p.m. on 26th April 1948.

(Sd.) D. D. SATHE, I.C.S.
Provincial Motor Transport Controller, Bombay.
14-4-48. 8133

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF FOOD (DIV-11)
Office of the Chief Director of Purchase.
Telegram: "PURFOOD."
Jamnagar House,
Mansingh Road, New Delhi,
12th April, 1948.

TENDER NOTICE NO. E|962(1).

THE CHIEF DIRECTOR of Purchase invites tenders from manufacturers in India for supply of approximately 180 tons of FRUIT TINNED of any of the following varieties:—

(a) Apricot (b) Grapefruit, (c) Peach (d) Pears (e) Pineapple (f) Plum and Greengage (g) Mangoes.

Applications for tender forms, giving full particulars of supply and terms and conditions, would be received in this office upto 4 P.M. on 26-4-48.

Price of tender forms is Rs. 10|- (Rupees ten) per set and is not refundable and forms are not transferable. Payment should be made in cash or by Money Order only, (cheques not acceptable) to the Chief Director of Purchase quoting the tender number and remitter's full address on the coupon.

4. Samples against this tender are required to be submitted (in triplicate) free of all charges to this office by 3rd May, 1948.

5. Tenders must be accompanied by an Earnest Money of Rs. 5,000|-

6. The successful tenderers will be required to deposit within seven days of the acceptance of offer, a sum of equal to 5% (five per cent) of the value of the contract, as Security in any of the prescribed forms.

7. Tenders will be received upto 4 P.M. on 3rd May, 1948.

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EDUCATIONAL ADLETS

Bharda New High School.—Parents or guardians seeking admission for their sons or wards are required to see the Principal along with the boys, get the admission forms on or before 30th April and return the forms duly filled in before 5th May. Admissions will be finally decided on the 10th of May. (8510)

A Batch For Vacation—Davar's College of Commerce—Enrol immediately for all Specialization and Professional Diploma Courses for training throughout Vacation for next year's examinations. Tuition personal or Postal. Call or write for Prospectus, 51. Esplanade Road. 8553

Wanted men everywhere learn American 1000 Dollars merchandising secret which sold million dollars worth merchandise. Particulars 5 annas stamps. American Business Systems. Post Box No. 3, Nugegoda, Ceylon. 8559

Homoeopathy—Best Correspond-ence Course. For prospectus apply Grace Medical Mission, Mavelikara, Travancore. 107

BOOKS AND MAGAZINES

American, British, Indian Magazi-nes all taste for professionals and families, free door delivery, moderate subscriptions. Zamindar Library (Estd. 1936). Soman Building, Kennedy Bridge, Bombay. 8571

AGENTS WANTED

Wanted Agents to secure orders for our Embossing Machines, Locks, etc. Apply for attractive terms to M/s. Avinash Trading Co., Jain Puri, Aligarh. 8545

MOTOR CARS FOR SALE

For Sale—Vaxhall Sports Car, 10 H.P., 1939 model excellent condition Rs. 5,000|- or near offer. Telephone 60927. (8537)

INCOME-TAX EXPERT

Income-Tax, Sales-Tax, Accounts. Audits undertaken. Reasonable rates. Apply Box No. 8450 'Bombay Chronicle.'

MISCELLANEOUS FOR SALE

Available ex-Bombay Canadian Rolled Elliptical Depolarised Nickel Anodes, sizes: 8" 12" 16" 18" & 32" Nickelplating salts American Lustre and Tripoli Polishes. For details apply K. M. Feil, Gresham Assurance House, Sir Phirozshah Mehta Road, Fort, Bombay. 8109

For Sale—American Gumboots— new condition and all sizes Price very cheap Enquiries to Hardware and Electricals Ltd., 19, Strand Road, Calcutta. 8395

PUBLIC NOTICES

BOMBAY MUNICIPALITY

THE B. E. S. & T. COMMITTEE

WANTED

BUS DRIVERS: Must be robust. Must have a clean driving licence. Must have a heavy vehicle endorsement on his licence and should be able to produce a certificate to prove that he has been driving for at least one year.

Wages while training Rs. 69/10/- p.m.

Wages when confirmed Rs. 69/10/- p.m. to Rs. 112/8 plus Dearness Allowance.

TRAFFIC MANAGER.

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BOMBAY PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

1. ASSISTANT INDUSTRIAL CHEMIST.
2. ASSISTANT GEOLOGIST.

SEPARATE APPLICATIONS are invited BEFORE 12-5-1948 from natives of the Province of Bombay and non-Muslim refugees from Pakistan for one post each of (1) ASSISTANT INDUSTRIAL CHEMIST and (2) ASSISTANT GEOLOGIST. QUALIFICATIONS. (I) For the post of Assistant Industrial Chemist: Candidates should (i) possess a post-graduate degree in chemistry of a recognised University, preferably in industrial chemisty, (ii) have carried out research investigations of an industrial nature independently for over 5 years and/or (iii) have practical experience pertaining to the work of chemical industries for not less than five years. Preference will be given to candidates who have administrative experience in a Government office. (II) For the post of Assistant Geologist: Candidates should (i) possess a post-graduate degree in Geology of a recognised University or the diploma of the Indian School of Mines, Dhanbad, (ii) have carried out field investigations for about five years and prepared suitable reports indicating the possibilities of economical utilisation of minerals. AGE.—Not more than 35 years on 1-8-1948, relaxable in exceptional cases. PAY.—Rs. 170-500, subject to revision, PLUS cost of living allowance. Higher starting pay may be given. Application form supplied on receipt of a large addressed envelope with 3½ annas postage stamps and a CROSSED postal order for Re. 1/- payable to the "Secretary, Bombay Public Service Commission", who will also supply full details on request. CANVASSING IN ANY FORM WILL DISQUALIFY THE CANDIDATES CONCERNED. 8140

BOMBAY PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

SEPARATE applications are invited before 20-5-1948 for the posts mentioned below in the BOMBAY EDUCATIONAL SERVICE, CLASS II. AGE.—Not less than 23 and ordinarily not more than 30 years on 1-8-1948. relaxable in the case of Bombay Government servants and candidates possessing experience and good qualifications. PAY.—Rs. 170-500 subject to revision, PLUS cost of living and compensatory allowances as admissible under the rules. Persons with experience of university teaching preferred.

(1) SEVEN LECTURERS IN HISTORY AND/OR ECONOMICS. —QUALIFICATIONS:—At least a 2nd Class M.A. or an equivalent degree of a recognised university OR a first class B.A. or B. Com. with M.A. or M. Com. etc. (For one post in Economics a candidate possessing an additional qualification in Geography is required).

(2) LECTURER IN GEOGRAPHY.—QUALIFICATIONS:—M. A., M.Sc., or M. Com., with special qualification in Geography, OR a first class degree in Geography or a first class B.Sc., with Geology as principal subject with special qualifications in Human Geography. Persons who hold additional qualifications in Sociology or History or Economics preferred.

(3) THREE LECTURERS IN PHILOSOPHY OR ENGLISH AND LOGIC.—QUALIFICATIONS. - At least a 2nd class M.A. or an equivalent degree of a recognised university OR a first class B.A. with M.A.

(4) LECTURER IN MATHEMATICS.—QUALIFICATIONS—A second class M.A. or M.Sc. (with specialisation in statistics) or an equivalent degree of a recognised university OR a first class B.A. or B.Sc., with M.A. or M.Sc., and a diploma in Statistics of a recognised university.

(5) LECTURER IN URDU.—QUALIFICATIONS:—A second class M.A. or an equivalent degree of a recognised university OR a first class B.A. with M.A.

(6) LECTURER IN EDUCATION.—QUALIFICATIONS:-(1) A second class M.A. in History or an equivalent degree of a recognised university with good knowledge of Kannada AND (2) B. T. or an equivalent degree or diploma of a recognised university. Graduates with History and a degree of M. Ed. of the Bombay University or an equivalent professional degree of a recognised university with knowledge of Kannada will also be eligible.

SEPARATE applications should be sent for each post. Application form supplied on receipt of a large addressed envelope with 3½ annas postage stamps and a CROSSED postal order for Re. 1/- payable to the "Secretary, Bombay Public Service Commission", Bombay, who will also supply full details on request. CANVASSING IN ANY FORM WILL DISQUALIFY THE CANDIDATE CONCERNED. (8142)

PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION, UNITED PROVINCES

APPLICATIONS are invited from nationals of Indian domicile, subjects of States within the Indian Dominion and registered refugees from Pakistan for the posts of (i) Lecturer in Anatomy and (ii) Lecturer in Embryology at the Medical College, Agra. Post Permanent. Probation one year. Appointed persons if not already in Government service, will get contributory Provident Fund benefits; but if already holding pensionable posts, they will continue to enjoy their pensionary rights. Qualifications common to both are: M.B., B.S. degree or equivalent qualification registrable with the Indian Medical Council and for (i) museum experience of grinding, preparation of specimens, their mounting and demonstration and at least 3 years' teaching experience in Anatomy; and for (ii) laboratory experience of working with embryos of various ages, with section cutting, staining and projection in dark room, preference being given to those who possess at least 3 years' teaching experience in Embryology. Pay for both Rs. 280-15-400 p.m., subject to alteration in the case of (i). Age for both ordinarily not more than 40 years (43 years in the case of Scheduled Caste candidates) on August 1, 1948. Requisitions for prescribed application forms will be entertained and supplied up to June 15, 1948 and applications on such forms received by the Secretary up to June 25, 1948.

Dated Allahabad, April 2, 1948.

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BOMBAY PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

APPLICATIONS are invited BEFORE 20-5-1948, from natives of the Province of Bombay and non-Muslim refugees from Pakistan, for six posts of INSPECTORS UNDER THE DRUGS ACT, 1940. QUALIFICATIONS.—(i) A degree in Pharmacy or Pharmaceutical Chemistry or a post-graduate degree in Chemistry with Pharmaceutics as a special subject, OR (ii) membership of the Pharmaceutical Society of Great Britain, OR (iii) degree in Medicine or Science of a recognised university with at least one year's post-graduate training in a laboratory under (a) Government Analyst appointed under the Drugs Act, or (b) a Chemical Examiner or (c) a Fellow of the Royal Institute of Chemistry of Great Britain (Branch E), or (iv) the Head of an Institution specially approved for the purpose by the appointing authority. PAY.—SCALE.—Rs. 220-440 PLUS cost of living allowance. Higher starting pay admissible. AGE.—Not more than 35 years on 1-8-1948. May be relaxed in suitable cases. Application form supplied on receipt of a large addressed envelope bearing three and a half annas stamps and CROSSED Postal Order for Re. 1/- payable to "Secretary, Bombay Public Service Commission", Bombay, who will supply full details on request. CANVASSING IN ANY FORM WILL DISQUALIFY THE CANDIDATE CONCERNED.

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GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CENTRAL PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

APPLICATIONS are invited for temporary posts of Subordinates (Engineering) in the scale of Rs. 100-8-140-10-300 plus usual allowances admissible under the rules. Minimum qualification required is a Degree or Diploma in Civil Engineering of an approved Institution. Pay according to qualifications and experience.

Applications stating age, qualification previous experience etc. with copies of testimonials should reach the undersigned on or before 30th April 1948

R. LINGASON,
B.Sc. (Hon.) B.Sc. (Eng.) A.M.I.S.E
Executive Engineer,
Bombay Central P.W. Division.
Central Govt. Offices Building.
Queen's Road, Bombay.

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NOTICE

THE CITY & GUILDS of London Institute Technological Examinations will be held at the Institute on the scheduled dates, from Monday 26th April 1948 Time 8-30 morning.

Candidates are requested to refer to the receipts issued to them, on which the examination dates are mentioned.

P. N. JOSHI,
Principal & Secretary,
V J Technical Institute.
Matunga, Bombay.
15th April, 1948. 8160

PUBLIC NOTICES

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
DIRECTORATE GENERAL OF INDUSTRIES & SUPPLIES
Office of the Director of Supplies, Bombay Circle, BOMBAY.

TENDER NOTICE

DIRECTOR OF SUPPLIES, BOMBAY, invites Tender No. BOM-T2-1552 to reach him on or before 11 a.m. on 19-4-48 on forms (not transferable) obtainable from his office at Rs. 5|- (not refundable) per set to be paid in cash or by Money Order or Indian Postal Order (quoting Tender No. full name and address of the remitter) for:-

Description	Quantity
White glazed china ware tiles 6"x6" x 1|4" or 3|8".	5,000 dozs.

2. Applicants not already on approved list of this Department or the late Department of Supply, must give their Banker's reference on application for tender forms. Tender forms will not be issued to firms already black-listed. (8149)

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY AND SUPPLY
Office of the Regional Commissioner (Disposals) Mercantile Chambers, Graham Road, Ballard Estate, BOMBAY.

THE REGIONAL COMMISSIONER (Disposals), Bombay, invites tenders for the purchase and removal of the following ex site:

Store.	Quantity.
1. 1944 Bulls eyes, paper facings, Black 12 in.	37000 Nos.
2. 1945 Bulls eyes, paper facings, Black 22 in.	14000 "
3. 448 Target paper 21" x 7"	400 "
4. 1057 Litmus Paper Blue	240 Books.
5. 779 Litmus Paper Red	580 Books.
6. 78241 Daze paper Type 'D' 40" x 10 yds.	66 Rolls.
7. Hildite in ¼ lbs. tins (for sealing Joints of optical instrument.	70 tins.
8. Plumbas	40 Cwts.
9. Compound antiseize for threaded parts of alumonium alloy fittings in 4 lbs. tins	60 lbs.
10. Locks brass cupboard 2 Lever strong 3 in.	100 Nos.
11. Padlocks for Magazines hatches and door 2 in.	67 Nos.
12. Locks Brass chest 2 levers 1½ in.	20 Nos.
13. Locks Iron-Cupboard 2 in.	200 Nos.
14. Locks Iron Cupboard 3 in.	150 Nos.
15. Locks brass door cover plate two boiled cap, brass handle without box staple or stricking plate latch bolt revetasifle 4 in. right or left.	50 Nos.

LOCATION:—All items Ex-R.I.N. Store Depot, Mankhurd.

SUPERSCRIBED REFERENCE:—Tender No. RCS|21521|MS.

Last date due by 4 P.M. on 3-5-1948.

Stores must be removed within 15 days from date of sale order.

Tender forms can be obtained from this Office on payment of Rs. 5|- per set (Not refundable).

Offers should be sent on tender forms enclosed in double covers, the inner to be sealed and superscribed with the above reference number and should remain open for acceptance for 30 days from the date of offer. Earnest money (retundable to unsuccessful tenderers) of 10% of the value of offers should be deposited in the Government Treasury of Reserve Imperial Bank of India under head of Accounts "Revenue Deposits" in favour of Regional Commissioner (Disposals), Bombay Tenders not accompanied by such Treasury Bank receipts will be ignored. Cheques will not be accepted

No guarantee is given of the quantity, quality or suitability of the above stores. Sale will be subject to the condition of Contract Con. 117 obtainable at this Office.

Permits to view the stores at site can be obtained from this Office and from the Stockholder. (8147)

P. W. D.

SEPARATE SEALED TENDERS are invited and will be received on Monday the 26th April 1948 upto 3-30 p.m. (S.T.) for the supply for stores as noted below for works and repairs in the Presidency Division, for the period from 1-4-48 to 31-3-1949.

(1) Miscellaneous, drainage, waterfittings paint and Hardware.
(2) Timber
(3) Road metal, murum, red hill earth, manure, sand.
(4) Pans of glasses.

The right to reject any or all the tenders without assigning reasons is reserved.

Tender forms with Schedule of quantities for Materials may be obtained on payment of Rs. 5/- for item 1 and Rs. 3/- each for the remaining items, on any working day upto 3 p.m. (1 p.m. on Saturday) except that on which tenders are to be received.

For further details apply to the undersigned

(Sd). N. C. PATEL.
Executive Engineer, Presidency.
Bombay 15th April, 1948. (8157)

PUBLIC NOTICES

NOTICE

THE TRADERS' BANK LIMITED, Regd. Office: DELHI.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that MEETINGS of the Creditors and members of the Company shall be held at the Registered Office of the Company, 13 Rajpur Road, Delhi at 8 a.m. on 8th May, 1948 and 10th May, 1948, respectively, to consider and if thought fit, to pass the modified Scheme of Arrangement filed in the Court of the District Judge, Delhi, under Section 153 of the Indian Companies Act. The said Scheme of Arrangement can be inspected by any Creditor or Member at any of the following Offices of the Bank between 10 a.m. and 3 p.m. on all working days:—

AMRITSAR—Karmon Deori and Majith Mandi Offices.
JULLUNDUR—Civil Lines, and Juliundur Cantt.
LUDHIANA—Chaura Bazar.
HISSAR—Nagori Gate.
DELHI—Chandni Chowk and 13 Rajpur Road.
NEW DELHI—Connaught Circus.
AGRA—Johri Bazar.
BOMBAY—62/66, Medows Street. Fort.
DALHOUSIE—

and a copy of the said Scheme can be had, free of cost, by any creditor or member on application to the Registered Office of the Bank at 13 Rajpur Road. Delhi.

The above meetings are being held under the orders of the District Judge, Delhi, dated 8-4-48.

Creditors' meeting shall be presided over by Mr. D. N. Bakshi, Advocate, Delhi, and if he is not available, by Mr. Narotam Singh Bindra, Advocate Delhi. Members' meeting shall be presided over by Mr. Narotam Singh Bindra, Advocate, Delhi, and if he is not available by Mr. D. N. Bakshi, Advocate Delhi.

The creditors and members of the Bank are requested to attend the respective meetings. Those creditors and members who are unable to attend may send in the proxy forms, available from the registered office and the above mentioned branches of the Bank, duly filled in, so as to reach the offices of the Chairman of the respective meetings, Mr. D N Bakshi at 45 Swiss Hotel, Alipur Road Delhi, and Mr. Narotam Singh Bindra, 4 Court Chambers Kashmere Gate, Delhi, at least 72 hours before the time fixed for the respective meetings.

The Court has further ordered that the Bank may pay to each creditor Rs. 500/- or 20 per cent of his deposits, whichever is less each month, provided that the total amounts received by him beginning from 27.9.47 do not exceed 25 per cent of his deposit.

The reports of the meetings shall be submitted to the Court on or before 15th May 1948. Objections, if any by any Creditor or Members, must be filed by 19th May 1948. The case will come up for hearing in the Court on 22nd May 1948.

By Order of The Court
(Sd.) D. N. BAKSHI.
Advocate,
Chairman, Creditors' Meeting.
(Sd). N. S. BINDRA,
Advocate,
Chairman, Members' Meeting.

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SAURASHTRA RAILWAY.
PACK TRAINS

APPLICATIONS from merchants with large quantities of Goods to move are invited for Pack Trains between any two stations on the Saurashtra Railway. The conditions for a Pack Train are—

(a) A merchant or group of merchants should undertake to consign at one time, from one station on the Saurashtra Railway to another station on the Saurashtra Railway 40 wagons loads of goods. The Railway does not definitely undertake to move the full quantity at once but will endeavour to do so.
(b) At least 12 hours notice will be given of when the train will arrive for loading. Loading must then be completed by the merchant in 5 hours. The train will run through intact to destination, where unloading must be completed by the merchant in 5 hours. Loading and unloading must be done by day and by night. Demmurage at the usual rates will be charged if these free times are exceeded
(c) A deposit of Rs. 200/- must be made before the train will be supplied, against demurrage charges or failure to load the full 40 wagons. This deposit will be refunded if all terms are complied with.
(d) It is proposed to provide 2 rakes for this purpose one consisting of all opens and one partly of opens and partly of covereds. Supply of a particular rake cannot be guaranteed but endeavours will be made to meet merchants' requirements.
(e) The programme for the Pack Trains will be fixed by the Chief Traffic Manager, Saurashtra Railway.
(f) Normal rates will be charged with usual terminals etc.

Please apply, sending deposit and stating clearly that these terms are accepted to—

CHIEF TRAFFIC MANAGER
Saurashtra Railway.
Bhavnagar Para.

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PUBLIC NOTICES

IMPORT TRADE CONTROL
PUBLIC NOTICE
No. 844

THE FOLLOWING Public Notice of the Chief Controller of Imports, New Delhi, is republished:—

T. ARUMUKHA MUDALIAR,
Dy. Chief Controller of Imports.
New Custom House,
Bombay, the 16th April, 1948.

PUBLIC NOTICE
No. 10 Pol (6) 48 dated 10-4-48

GAZETTE OF INDIA Extraordinary, dated the 10th April, 1948, contains public notices issued regarding (i) revision in scheme for licensing Capital Goods (ii) revised procedure for licensing import of Heavy Electrical Plant (iii) period of validity of future import licences for Capital Goods and Heavy Electrical Plant (iv) revised application form (v) Details of Capital Goods Licensing Procedure and (vi) Procedure for revalidation of existing Capital Goods and Heavy Electrical Plant licences.

2. Capital Goods Scheme will embrace all goods included in Clauses (1), (2), (3a), (4) and (5) of Serial Number 36 Part II, Serial Number 4 Part III, Serial Number 65 Part V and Serial Number 1 to 22 Part VI also Looms Tape Looms Cumbli finishing machinery and similar manufacturing machines included in Clause I of Serial Number 37 Part II and Clause I of Serial Number 5 Part III and also component parts of all such machines.

3. Electric Plant Machinery and Cognate Equipments falling under Serial Numbers mentioned in subsequent paragraph when required for specific electric power projects for public electric utilities and also for Power Plant equipment of factories will be treated as Heavy Electrical Plant and Licensed in accordance with special Heavy Electrical Plant procedure.

4. Serial Numbers 30, 32, 33A, 33B, 34, 36, 38, 39, 42, 43, 45, 46A and 48 of Part II Serial Number 4 of Part III and Serial Number 65 of Part V

5. Period of validity of future import licence for Capital Goods and Heavy Electrical Plant will be limited upto a maximum period not exceeding three years. Where application is made after firm order had been placed licence will be issued initially valid upto probable delivery date which may extend upto three years. In other cases licence will be issued initially valid for six months but licences will be validated at or before end of six months and will cover expected period of delivery of goods on satisfactory documentary evidence being produced about firm contract being made. Maximum period however of validity will be three years. It is hoped this procedure will enable importers to place orders on suppliers without difficulty and also enable Government to watch effectiveness of such licences

6 Copies of the Gazette may be obtained from the Manager of Publications, Civil Lines, Delhi or any authorised dealer of Government publications, on payment.

7. All applications for the goods mentioned in paras, two to four made after the 20th April, 1948, should be in accordance with the revised procedure.

G. R. KAMAT.
Chief Controller of Imports.

INDIAN RESEARCH FUND ASSOCIATION

APPLICATIONS are invited for the post of a chemist on Rs. 80/- per month in the scale of Rs. 80-5-120-8-200-10/2-220 plus dearness allowance, on the enquiry on "Changing the properties of drugs by wetting agents" under Dr. B. B. Dikshit and Dr. K. Venkataraman in the Department of Chemical Technology, University of Bombay.

MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS:

A degree in Pharmaceutical chemistry or the Chemistry of Foods and Drugs.

Post temporary renewable yearly subject to sanction of the Governing Body of Association. Probation 6 months. Service terminable one month's notice either side. No pension or gratuity allowed, but benefits of Provident Fund permissible subject to rules. Private practice or free quarters or compensation in lieu thereof not allowed. Leave as for temporary Government servants under Revised Leave Rules, 1933. Travelling allowance under Supplementary Rules, as amended from time to time. Selected candidates may be required for interview at Bombay. Travelling allowance will not be allowed for journey for interview or joining first appointment.

All applications should be made on the prescribed forms which can be obtained from the Superintendent of Office, Department of Chemical Technology, Matunga Road, Bombay 19

Completed application forms should be submitted so as to reach the Director, Department of Chemical Technology, University of Bombay, Matunga, Bombay 19, not later than the 26th April, 1948.

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NOTICE

IT IS HEREBY NOTIFIED that the Share Registers of the Bank will be CLOSED and the registration of Transfers suspended from the 4th June, 1948 to the 30th June, 1948 (both days inclusive).

C. D. DESHMUKH,
Governor.
Reserve Bank of India,
Central Office, Bombay.
Dated the 9th April 1948. 8152

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